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From the Governor to Capt Lewis

Town of Washington 14th April 1814

Inclosed is a copy of a letter to Lt. Gen: Hackett which you will copy and forward by the Express. That part of the letter which relates to the movements and position of the Troops, company which you have been attached to commanded, you will consider as orders to you and wish you to use your best exertions to arrive at Andrews' as soon as possible. The troops from this County and Jefferson will leave here immediately.

Capt: Lewis. David Mitchell.

From the Governor to Capt Lewis.

Sir Town of Washington.

14th April 1814.

Capt Mood will deliver the declaration but that is to wait for you at Andrews' in the event of his not being at that place before you, a few mounted Riflemen some sailors & marines from Commo Hollingsworth's Gun of Money & ammunition for the Army upon the Arrival to the Army.

to which place you will proceed with as little delay as possible. In case Capt Moore should have passed on, otherwise you will remain there until he arrives conformably to my instructions of this morning. It will be required for you to be aiding of the Sick Provisions from time until you arrive at Amherstburg.

Yours &c &c

Capt. Lewis
2nd Regt

David Mathews.

P.S. On your arrival at Amherstburg you will report yourself to Lt Col. Nichols the Officer commanding the Militia on the frontier.

D.M.

Brevet the Governor to the Secy at War.

Sir

Town of Washington,
19th April 181

I have the honor to inclose to you the Muster Roll of two companies of Militia in addition to those heretofore transmitted. These troops were ordered to the frontiers on additional Majors being retained as you will see by the Muster Roll.

The terms of service of the five companies of Light infantry, and two companies of mounted Militia will expire in this Month. I transmit

to you the Muster Rolls in January last, and requested that the President would give orders for these troops to be paid.

I have &c

Wm Armstrong.

David Holmes.

From the Governor to Mr A Ferguson.

Sir

Town of Washington, 20th April 1814

I delivered to the Bearer Thirty hundred Pattaway and fifteen dollars in cash, for which Capt Patten will give you a receipt.

Your obt. Servt

Mr A. Ferguson.

David Holmes.

From Governor Holmes, to Governor Claiborne

Sir

Town of Washington, Mississippi Ter.

20th April 1814

I have the honor to enclose transmit to you a Resolution of the Legislature of the Mississippi Territory, expressive of their gratitude for the magnanimity, patriotism and promptitude displayed by the People of Louisiana the measures they adopted against the hostile creeks, and authorizing a Sword to be presented to Major Genl Andrew Jackson, of whose preeminent services to his Country, the happy effects have been so conspicuous

immediately fost by the citizens of this Ter

I pray you Sir to accept my
sincere congratulations upon the unexampled
success that has attended the arms of the
ouest which you deserve by position. Your
merits will never cease to be admired when
Patriotism is esteemed the first virtue. Your
distinguished Skill in the field an evidence
superior intellect.

My Excellency Wm Blount
Gov.r of Tennessee.

I have &c
Pedro Morhues.

From the Governor
to
Lt Colo: Nixon

Town of Washington,
29th April 181

Sir

The Bearer of this Mr
Thomas Castiw has been appointed Quarter
Master to the Detachment of Militia under
your command.

I presume that the companies
ordered from Marion County and the Counties
East of Pearl River have reached Mount Vernon
ere this. Three Companies from this part of the
Territory are now on their Marche. but I fear
their progress will be greatly impeded in
consequence of the heavy rains that have fallen
since they set out.

I think it important to the safety of this Territory, that a part of the force ordered to the frontiers should be stationed in such of the Posts as are best calculated to afford protection to the Inhabitants against lurking parties of the Indians. No opportunity shall be omitted to communicate any intelligence to Lt. Col. Chapel in a former letter.

You will make the necessary arrangements to have the troops furnished at Mount Vernon with provisions, arms & camp Equipage. Lt Col. Chapel informed me that every article necessary for this Equipment was in the public Stores, so that they should be supplied upon their arrival.

For all arms and camp Equipage which may have been deposited by the Militia in the public Stores I presume upon their vouchers have been taken.

In my last letter I urged you to have the Men who might determine to return home furnished with every thing necessary for their comfort, that is usually allowed to Soldiers when discharged. I have this object much at heart and hope that it has occupied your attention. I regret that my health will not yet permit me to undertake a journey to the frontier.

Lt. Col. Dixon.

I have &c

David Mohrs.

From the Governor
to
P. Janney Esq. } Town of Washington.
22. April 1814.

Sir

On the death of Charles [illegible] were commissioned as Pay Master to the [illegible] by the Militia Law passed at the last Session of the Legislature, that office is abolished. Your Commission which was at your request made out is void.

Paul Hughes.

P. Janney Esq.

From the Governor
to
Lt. Colo: Morgan. } Head Quarters
Town of Washington
23rd April 1814

Sir.

I received from Major Mason a letter of the 16th inst. informing me that the French Inhabitants of the County of Hancock, have refused obedience to the General order of the 21st March last calling into service a part of the Militia from the 16th Regiment.

I regret extremely that these people should have suffered themselves to have been drawn into a belief, that opposition to the legitimate authority of the Government would deter them from the performance of duties enjoined by the Laws thereof. But as such

conduct can be attributed only to their ignorance
of the law, and the language in which the
are published I have concluded to treat them
with a degree of mildness that under other
circumstances they would not be entitled to
expect.
By the Law passed at the last session of the
Legislature a Bounty for procuring recruits
to the place of rendezvous or to furnish an
sufficient substitute when arrested and put
into service, is liable to a fine of fifty dollars
and all the penalties to which a deserter in
the Service of the United States is subjected.
For the consideration I have mentioned and
in consequence of representations that have been
made to me by some of the Chickahominy
and Pamunkey Indians, who are of opinion that
if the law upon this subject be properly
explained to their deluded people, that they would yield
obedience to its provisions, I have concluded
to give them an opportunity to remove their
characters as Citizens and to avoid the penal-
ties they have incurred, upon such terms
as I have pursued the following course.
All who have been legally drafted must
be notified by the proper officers to appear
at the place of rendezvous or to furnish
a substitute capable of rendering military

service. You will direct the Officers charged with this duty to explain to each Individual the Law, and the consequences of disobedience to the order. A reasonable time must also be allowed to those who are disposed to pursue Quietude. Should they comply, You will order them to the troops at Mount Vernon or any detachment of the Militia that may be nearer to that Post. Capt Parmenter's company I expect will be at Sohon Creek in four or ten days.

If contrary to reasonable expectation the division should continue, and the friendly explanations which you may have instructed your Officers to make shewed fruitless of having the desired effect, You will proceed to organize a force sufficient to compel obedience to the order. Painful as this alternative is, I cannot in justice to the Citizens of the Territory in general, to the Government of the United States, or to the sacred obligation imposed by my oath of Office, refrain from resorting to it. To command the force order'd upon this service, you will select an Officer of humane humanity and intelligence, and instruct him to have the drafted men taken and brought to such place as you may appoint where they will be returned for trial. In executing this duty

You will guard the officers and all the [illegible] and may expect [illegible] the accomplishment of the object. It would be a source of much regret if unpleasant consequences should result from a [illegible] abuse of the which ought to be exercised with moderation [illegible] reflection. But no portion of the community must be permitted to [illegible] the rights which are essential to the security and benefit of the whole, and which are equally binding upon [illegible] with the Territory.

I am in hopes that by mild and [illegible] measures, you will be able to [illegible] allegiance [illegible] that [illegible] requisite to adopt stronger measures [illegible] there exists a combination [illegible] to resist the [illegible] which in your opinion from its extent may require a greater force than can be organized from the [illegible] Militia you will [illegible] the circumstances to be sufficient [illegible], in order that competent [illegible] may be adopted to maintain the supremacy of the laws.

Lt Colo: Morgan. David Mohrs

P.S. You are authorized to procure any the drafted men into the State of Louisiana

but will report their services upon a report of their proceedings to Lt. Colo. Parsons the Adjutant General, who resides at this Place.

J. H.

From the Governor

To

J. Pitchlynn Esq. Town of Washington

Dear Sir

I did not receive your letter of the 19 inst. until last Evening. The friendly disposition which the Choctaw nation have evinced towards the United States is truly honorable to them and highly gratifying to me.

Lt. Colo. Pickell will be expected here from Claiborne about the first of next month and I have no doubt but that your corps would be acceptable to him. "I am instructed to furnish your Men with provisions." But whether you would be able to arrive at the Alabama in time to go upon the Expedition is a question which I cannot decide. I am however inclined to believe that the troops will leave Fort Claiborne before you can

[illegible] that [illegible]
[illegible] expenses incurred by you
for the [illegible] protection of the
of the Indians, killed or wounded
you received the receipts of the Indians to
whom the money was paid, you will send
them to me, and keep the other for your own
justification.

[illegible]
[illegible] Indians.

[illegible]

From the Governor
to
Capt Young } Town of Washington
2nd May
1814

Sir

I received your letter of the
[illegible] the moment.
As soon as I received the Muster Rolls of your
company they were with those of all the
[illegible] in service, transmitted to the
Secretary of War accompanied with a request
that he would direct them to be paid.
An answer to this letter has been expected
for some time past. Whenever it arrives you
will hear from me. Capt Knight has

had orders to repair to the City of Washington, but I [illegible] instructions by [illegible] been ordered without much delay by some other [illegible]. I did not know that the Quarter Master had left your account unsettled. I shall [illegible] him immediately to have it [illegible].

It gives me great pleasure to hear that your Men have returned in good health, & conduct from the time they entered the service until the expiration of their term, merits my entire approbation. As their commander you have discharged your duty with honor to yourself & benefit to your country.

Capt. Posey.

Yours &c
David Holmes.

From the Governor

To
J. Hanes esq.

Town of Washington.
[illegible] May 28 [illegible]

I received your letter of the 12th March. Your resignation of the office of Sheriff is accepted, and I have appointed your Successor. I have commissioned him a Justice and Collector of Clarke County. Both Commissions are herewith forwarded. I will thank you to have them conveyed to him by the first opportunity.

David Holmes

J. Hanes Esq.

From the Governor

To
Colo: Mason } Town of Washington,
9th May 1814

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of the 28th ult: and am truly sensible of your conversing for Samuel McConnell and Thomas McDonald conformably to your recommendation. I also transmit to you a commission for Allen Foster as Sheriff of Jackson County which I must request you to forward to him by the earliest opportunity. I expected to have had the pleasure of being at your House sometime ago but was prevented from undertaking a journey which I contemplated to the Eastern frontier by indisposition.

I am &c
Jos: Stainer
Lt Colonel Commdt Regiment
Gavin Hawkins.

From the Governor

To
Lt Colo: Mason } Town of Washington,
9th May 1814.

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 28th ult:

Not any of your recommendations

were given by me to the Deserters sent on by Major Swayne's detachment. It was stated that they told the Major that if they voluntarily delivered themselves up, it was my wish that they should not be punished but that was my understanding and I supposed it would have been considered as a matter of course that they were to perform monthly, the full tour of duty. If I did not mention this to Major Swayne, it was because I thought there was no room for doubt upon the subject. A Court Martial could not have been necessary to sanction this course. every Militia Man being bound to serve out the time for which he may be drafted unless sooner discharged. I regret that these Men were sent back, they certainly were not entitled to receive discharges.

I enclose to you a blank commission from Adjutants which you will fill up with the name of such Subaltern as you may deem best qualified to discharge the duty of the office.

The troops which were ordered to the Eastern frontier early in last Month, I suppose have arrived ere this at Mount Vernon. Upon which without delay have the same at company mustered by an Officer of the United States army, and transmit to me two copies of the

[illegible] Proposal of [illegible] Transport[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible] in this [illegible] I have [illegible]
Secretary at War [illegible] of the Infantry
and Rifle Corps [illegible] send [illegible]
January and requesting [illegible] Payment
to be made to the Troops [illegible] to have
on the subject, when I form[illegible] the rolls of
Major Gray's detachment and am in daily
expectation of receiving an answer.

I am
Lt. Colo: Nixon. David [illegible]

From the Governor
to
Lt. Colo: Rufus } Town of Washington.
12 May [illegible]

Dear Sir

On Wednesday last I was informed by a Gentleman from Nashville, that the Cherokees at the Hickory ground had surrendered to Genl. Jackson. This Information was confirmed by another Person who declared that he had seen Genl. Dyer on his return from the army.

On yesterday a report was in circulation

here that Genl Jackson attacked the Red
Indians who were strongly fortified on a
Hickory ground, that a severe conflict
in which the former prevailed, having
killed five hundred of the enemy. The loss on
our part was considerable, especially in offi
I presume this must have been Weatherfo
Party as I understood some time ago that
was forted at a place below the Hickory
Ground, and that he had determined not
surrender. Should this intelligence be corr
we shall have no more battles with the Cre
I suppose the Militia have ere this reached
Mount Vernon. The uncommon high Water
and state of the Roads must have rendered
the March tedious and difficult.
Before this reaches you it is possible that
you may receive ~~information~~ intelligence which will
render it unnecessary to take with you any
force in addition to the regular troops under
your command. Should this be the case, you
will station the Militia in the Garrisons
and give to me the earliest information of
the state of affairs upon the frontier.
with your opinion as to the necessity of
continuing them longer in service.
Lt Colo Pickel.

I am &c
David Holmes.

Allegan Co. Michigan

From the Governor

[illegible]

[illegible] County Washington

Exchange [illegible] 12 [illegible] 1814

[illegible] days sight of

this my first Bill the same of the same

tenor and date being unpaid, pay [illegible] Chester

Patton or order, one [illegible] fifty dollars

being money advanced by him, to [illegible] furnish transportation for a detachment [illegible] ordered to the Eastern frontier of this Territory

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Hon: Geo: Armstrong. David H. [illegible]

Secretary at War.

Washington City

A record of the same number and date

was drawn.

From the same to the same.

Town of Washington,

Exchange [illegible] 24. May 1814.

Ten days after sight of this my

first Bill, the second of the same tenor and

date being unpaid, pay unto Charles [illegible]

or order, one hundred dollars, [illegible]

Paid by me as a matter of [illegible]
certain Choctaw [illegible]
killed by a white man the son of
a Mr Jno: [illegible] [illegible] Mt Dt
Jno: Armstrong [illegible] Jas Stirling
Sley [illegible]

[illegible]
From the Genl [illegible]
To
The Secretary at War

Town of Washington
May 15th 1844

Sir

On the 19th [illegible] I drew on you for One Thousand and fifty dollars, being advanced by me, to equip and pay, in part, the transportation of a detachment of Militia ordered to rendezvous at Mt Pleasant [illegible] Tennessee on March last. On the 14th [illegible] I drew upon you for one hundred dollars, a [illegible] paid by me to [illegible] Indian whose relations have been killed by a white

Mon[illegible] of [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible]

the Govern[illegible]

[illegible]rmed that [illegible] the [illegible]

the Indian[illegible] of the [illegible]

[illegible]lace their [illegible]

[illegible] from Citizen [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] agent [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Accordingly the [illegible]

[illegible] from a consideration of [illegible]

[illegible] a compensation

[illegible] the appointment [illegible] the relations of the [illegible]

[illegible] agreed to accept of [illegible]

hundred dollars as a compensation for the

injury of which they complain

I have &c

Hon:

Jno: Armstrong

Secy of War

David Holmes

From the Governor

to

Robt. Patterson esq.

Town of Washington [illegible]

Dear Sir

At the [illegible]

: locations of this Territory, a [redacted] paper authorizing the [redacted] to [redacted] and present to Major General Jackson, [redacted] Sword as a testimony of the high sense [redacted] entertain of his military services in the war against the Creek Indians. I am [redacted] desirous of performing this duty in a manner that will do justice to the sentiments of [redacted] who with out voice, admit, that the [redacted] ment of the army commanded by General Jackson, saved a great portion of [redacted] trys from savage cruelty and [redacted]

I therefore ask your aid in the execution of this business and in order that you may be acquainted with the duty imposed by these letters, I inclose you a copy of the Resolution.

The Hilt and the metal of the Scabbard should be of Gold. The Gutlers ought to allude to the military achievements of the General, with some appropriate part. I presume it should appear by whom the Gift was made and its object. The entire arrangement however I leave to you, and to such Persons as you may think proper to consult. [redacted] Citizens of your City. I was [redacted] understand to [redacted] to have a hilt of this Sword finished in

the finish of [illegible]

At the same time an appropriation is made to defray the expense that must be incurred to carry the Resolution into effect, yet I do not consider myself at liberty to draw the sum of five hundred dollars.

When the Journal is finished, I wish you to have it forwarded to his Excellency Walter Blount Governor of the State of Tennessee, whose residence is at Maryville.

I will enable you to discharge the accounts, when even the amount is agreed on, by a Bill upon the Bank of Washington.

I make no apology for troubling you on this occasion. It is necessary, as no man is more disposed to show yourself to be the patriot and patriot you are. Remember me to Mr Patterson and the family.

Yours &c
Robt Patterson Esq. David Hunter

From the Governor to Capt Glasgow.

Capt Glasgow will order out a Guard of one officer and fifteen Men, to attend at the Public Square, where a Negro now under sentence of death, will be executed between the hours of eleven and twelve O'Clock. The officers of the guard will obey the directions

directing of the Sheriff of Orange County

Hd. Qrs. June 1814.

From the Governor

To

Lt. Colo. Allison. Town of Mayfield

6 June 1814

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 15th ult. last. the Chickasaw representation is accepted.

In my last letter, I directed you to have the troops of Mobile lately ordered to the frontiers mustered by an officer of the United States

Providing that they may have been performed I now request that you write transmit the Rolls by the first opportunity.

Lt. Colo. Allison. I am very respectfully

Your

David Mitchell.

From the Governor to the Sheriff of Hancock County.

Town of Mayfield, 17. June 1814

Sir

I transmit to you a Warrant to arrest Thomas Harrison, who has been discovered

as a fugitive from Justice by Governor [illegible]

[illegible] Whatever you may do in this [illegible] you will inform me of it without delay

To the Sheriff of Hancock County

Yours [illegible]

From the Governor

To Colo. Mason

Town of Washington, [illegible]

Sir

I have appointed you Lieut. Colo. of the [illegible] Regiment. If you accept the Commission [illegible] with [illegible] of a Commissioner for [illegible] County as to be kept in the same Regiment. Upon application for persons to fill any vacancies that may have happened

Lt. Colo. Mason

By [illegible]

David Mitchell

From the Governor

To

Gale Jackson

Town of Washington

18th June 1811

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 11. April [illegible] not reach me for a considerable time after

its date.

The list of the Negroes that were sent to your Lessee, with the names of the owners, not inclosed in your letter as stated. This omission I presume, was owing to the press of business which must then have occupied your attention.

For the services you have rendered this country, by preserving from savage fury the lives and property of our frontier Inhabitants you have the benedictions of a grateful people. In accordance with the sentiments of their Constituents, our Legislature at the last session authorized me to present to you a sword as a testimony of the high Esteem they entertain for your valor and patriotism. I have directed it to be made in Philadelphia, and to be forwarded to Governor Blount, who will deliver it to you, on behalf of the Executive of this Territory.

It is said that the British are endeavouring to resuscitate the remnant of the Creeks.

Whether these unfortunate Beings will persist in their folly is somewhat uncertain. I have had information from Pensacola as late as the 7. inst. which states that the British had landed at Appalachicola twenty thousand stand of Arms and a large

quantity of Ammunition. If this should be true, it is quite probable that they will attempt to make an attack war in the Indian of the Country, and that they will endeavour to engage not only the Indians, but the Mexicans in their cause. I am informed to-day, on credit the intelligence, from the Governor of the most number of Men at Red River landed &c.

Yours &c.

Genl Jackson. [redacted]

From the Governor

Capt. Dorr } Town of Washington
21st June 1814

Sir

I transmit to you commission for an artillery company, agreeably to the recommendation made of the 18. inst.

Capt. Dorr

Yrs
David Mahon.

A transcript of the foregoing from the of January to the 30th of June has been transmitted to the Department of State.

From the Governor

To
Robt. Patterson esq. Philadelphia Washington
13 July 1816

Dear Sir

I have had the satisfaction to receive your letter of the 17 ult in answer to mine on the subject of the Sword intended for General Jackson.

The Form, device and inscription have my entire approbation. I regret that I cannot procure a Portrait of the General in this part of the Country, but as it is probable that a likeness may be obtained in Philadelphia, I have written to Gov. Bloomfield to forward to you a portrait that will answer the purpose. Lest his communication however should not reach you in time I subjoin a description which may enable the artist to avoid any gross misrepresentation. The Eagle, being the arms of the United States, is used by the Territory in all Public acts that require a Seal.

I am &c
David Holmes.

Genl Jackson is about five feet eleven inches high, has large bones, but thin of flesh. His face is rather narrow than otherwise, cheek bones prominent, his nose tolerably large but not aquiline. Countenance open, intelligent and de

terminated.

Robt: Patterson Esq. L.S.
Director of the Mint

The following Copy of Warrant was not recorded in its place by mistake.

Mississippi Territory, ss.
To the Sheriff of Stanislaus County.

Whereas the Governor of the State of Louisiana hath in conformity to the act of Congress in such case made and provided, demanded of the Executive of this Territory, a certain Thomas Harman against whom a Bill of Indictment was found in the Parish of Concordia in said State, charging the said Harman, with the crime of Larceny.

These are therefore to command you to take the Body of the said Thomas Harman if he be found in your County, and him safely keep, until he may be legally delivered to an Agent of the State of Louisiana, or discharged by due course of Law, and this shall be your Warrant for so doing.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the said Territory, this 17. day of June 1814.

David Holmes
Gov. Miss: Territory.

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From the Governor
to
The Sheriff of Marion County

Mississippi Territory, to wit.

To the Sheriff of Marion County,

Whereas the Governor of the State of Louisiana hath in conformity with the act of Congress, in such case made and provided, demanded of the Executive of this Territory a certain Thomas Harman, against whom a Bill of Indictment was found, in the Parish of Concordia in said State, charging the said Harman with the crime of Larceny.

These are therefore to command you to take the Body of the said Thomas Harman, if he be found within your County, and him safely keep until he may be legally delivered to an agent of the State of Louisiana or discharged by due course of Law, and this shall be your duty for so doing.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the said Territory, this 17. day of June 1804.

David Holmes.
Governor of the Miss. Territory.

G. S.

From Governor Holmes
to
Governor Blount

Town of Washington, N.J.
16 Jan[illegible]

Dear Sir,

Mr Robert Patterson the Director of the Mint in Philadelphia has at my request undertaken to procure the Portrait, which the Legislature of the Territory have ordered me to present to Genl Jackson. I now accompany the order, the artist wants a sketch of the Genl's Person, which I cannot obtain in this part of the Country. It is probable that his portrait may be in the possession of his family, or some Gentlemen in your near Neighbourhood. If so, I should thank you, a sketch taken and forwarded to Mr Patterson by the earliest opportunity. It is not requisite that the likeness should be very exact, the object being merely to prevent any palpable Misrepresentation.

Mr yesterday I received intelligence which places beyond all doubt the fact of the British having landed at Appalachicola, a large quantity of Arms and Ammunition, some troops, supposed to be about three hundred, and considerable presents in Merchandize for the Indians.

Your Obt Servt
David Holmes

From the Governor
to
Lt. Colo: Nelson

Town of Washington,
26. July 1814

Dear Sir

I enclose to you conformably to your recommendation, the following Commissions for the 1st Regiment, viz. David Taylor Lieut. Thomas Gordon, Ensign. William Lowry Adjutant.

Your letter of the fourth May, was not attended to, in consequence of my not meeting with an opportunity for some time after it had been received, and of its being placed in the mean time, among papers which had been acted upon. You do not mention to what promotion Isaac Davis is entitled. I have therefore transmitted to you a blank commission which you can fill up.

Lt. Colo: Nelson.

Yours
David Holmes.

Head Quarters, Town of Washington
General orders.
9. August 1814.

At a Court Martial ordered by Lt. Colo: Carradine, of the 4. Regiment, for the trial of Capt. David H. Bell, of which Major Rolls is President, the Court after maturely considering the Evidence produced on the part of the

Promotion, and in behalf of the accused, and opinion that the charge is not proved, the offence with which he is charged, honorably acquit the said Capt. David [illegible] of the charge and specifications exhibited against him.

The Commander in Chief approves the sentence of the Court. Capt Bell [illegible] his [illegible] and resume his duties in the line.

David [illegible]
Commander in Chief.

From the Governor to Lt. Colo. Carradine.

Sir,

Town of [illegible]

I have the honor to transmit to you the annexed Genl Order approving the sentence of the Court Martial in the Case of Capt. Bell.

Lt. Colo. Carradine. [illegible]

From the Governor to Colo. McRee.

Town of Washington, 10. Augt. 1814.

Sir.

On Monday last a murder was committed on the Body of Farrar Cobb by Jason Thompson. The Bearers John M Galespie and Stephen Cobb are in pursuit of the Murderer, and expect to overtake him in the Indian Nation. Your Assistance

in apprehending Thompson in order that he may be brought to Natchez, is requested by Colo. McRee.

David Holmes.

Agent to the Territory.

From the Governor

Circular to the Members of the Legislative Council.

Town of Washington, 13 August 1811

Sir

I have the Honor to inform you that you were appointed on the 15 day of February last a Member of the Legislative Council of this Territory.

Thomas Barnes esq.

David Holmes.

A similar letter to the foregoing was addressed to each of the other Members of the Council, viz. James Titus, Peirsey R. Grayson, Howell Rhodes, Rhodes and Joseph Lamar.

From the Governor to Edward Andrews esq.

Town of Washington 13. August 1811

Sir

It has been represented to me that you are not a Citizen of the United States. If you cannot hold the Office of Justice of the Peace of Adams County. Be pleased to lay

know whether I have been correct [illegible]
[illegible] this subject.
Edmund Andrews Esq. [illegible]
[illegible]

From the Governor
to
A. Brooks Esq. } Town of [illegible]

Sir

I will thank you to direct the inclosed letter, and have it delivered to Mr. [illegible] I do not know his Christian name.

A. Brooks Esq. (Pd) David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Mr. Green } Town of Brownsville

Sir 13 August 1814.

This is to inform you that your commission as Constable in Adams County is [illegible]

Mr. Jones. David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
General Jackson } Town of Brownsville,

Sir 15 August 1814.

Your letter of the [illegible] [illegible]

reach me until the 12. inst.

I received from the Secretary at W. a letter dated the 4. inst. making a requisition for five hundred infantry, to be held in readiness for immediate service. This force will be assembled as soon as I can procure the requisite equipments, and will be marched to Mount Pleasant on the Eastern frontier, unless you should deem some other point more eligible. The Remainder of the Militia of the Territory, will be ordered to hold themselves in readiness to act, whenever and wherever the occasion may require their service. I shall divide them into but three divisions, one of which must be prepared in the best manner in are capable of furnishing them for doing duty from home. The other two divisions will have orders to be constantly on the alert to crush every attempt at insurrection, and to prevent as far as they can the Negroes from running to the Enemy. I assure you, Sir, that I am fully persuaded of the danger to which the Union of the United States is exposed, and of the necessity for every exertion the People are capable of making for its defence. We are now at a loss for tents, and Camp Equipage of every kind. I shall have to apply to the Commanding

Officers at a loss from what will be [illegible]
[illegible] that Portion of the Corps which Quitman
[illegible] have [illegible] at the [illegible]. Porter Corps
[illegible] will be taken from [illegible] County
and at present Contemplated [illegible]
the Commander of the [illegible]
[illegible] Short Thing we have had [illegible] on the
Eastern Frontier a considerable [illegible] of Militia
None of the Detachments, as yet, have been [illegible]
and I have heard nothing upon the subject
from the Secretary at War. The Circumstances
will make it difficult to procure many [illegible]
You may rely upon my best exertions to aid you
in carrying into operation, whatever Plan you
may lay down for the defence of the Country.

Major Genl Jackson

Yours &c

David Holmes

From the Governor
to
Lt Colo Moore } Town of Washington,
18th Augt 1814.

Sir

I received your letter containing an account of your Expedition to the Creek Country, and highly gratified to learn that the Indian

of the Militia under your command have conducted themselves in a manner to entitle them to the praise and [illegible] of their fellow citizens. The times call upon us for great exertions, and I am confident, that the Body of the Militia will follow the example of the brave officers and Soldiers now in service. As soon as Equipments are procured, I shall order five hundred Infantry to Mount Vernon.

I enclose to you a letter for Genrl Gaston which you will be pleased to forward. He has been detained here two days. His factor will be out before he returns. I am confident he has not been guilty of any intentional delay.

Lt Colo: Nicon.

Yrs
David Barton

From the Governor
to
Lilly Pope
A McGhee
Benj: Cone
Esqrs

Town of Washington,
19. August 1814.

Gentlemen

I inclose to you conformably to your recommendation a Commission for the

Holly as Constable for Huntsville.

transmit [illegible] the Commissioners of the [illegible] vacancies happen in this office. They will in the [illegible] one of the [illegible] appointed, and [illegible] date of the commission.

Lathrop Pope } Jas. [illegible]
Matt. Gilbert } Sys. David McLean
Rodney Cope }

Chas. McGuire
to
Mr. A. Scranton } Town of Huntsville,
Dec. Aug. 28th 1814.

Sir,

On or about the 12. of next month, I shall order to rendezvous at this place, two hundred and twenty troops of the Militia. At the 20. of the same month, one hundred troops will rendezvous at Liberty in Amite. At the same time, there will rendezvous at Hardy on Pearl River about sixty troops. These several detachments will move on to Mount Vernon, shortly after they assemble, at the respective places mentioned, you are required to be prepared to furnish rations at the aforesaid places, and on the March.

Mr. A. Scranton
Contractor's Agent.

Chas. McGuire

From the Governor

[illegible]

[illegible]

Sir

I am called upon [illegible] at New York to organize and hold in readiness for immediate Service, five hundred Infantry. Major Gen'l Jackson has ~~[illegible]~~ written me to prepare and hold in readiness a Company of Thousand Infantry, inclusive, I presume, of the requisition from the War Department.

With both these Requisitions I am desirous of complying as fully as the Means within my control will permit.

At this moment, circumstances exist which in my opinion, make it necessary to call into service the five hundred Men, required by the Secretary of War, with as little delay as possible, and to have an additional five hundred in readiness to take the field at the shortest Notice. The Commanding Officer at Cantonment Washington, informs me that Thirty wagons now belong to Company of any Kind in the Public Stores at that place

I have therefore to request that you will
the proper officer [illegible]
soon as practicable [illegible]
Camp Equipage and [illegible]
Men. We have a number of muskets here
without Cartridge Boxes. Boxes for five hundred
could be forwarded with [illegible] Camp
Equipage; it would prevent the necessity of pur-
chasing them at a high Price, and of the inferior
quality in Natchez. Tents cannot be procured
in Natchez upon any terms. If Equipments could
be spared from the Public Stores in Orleans, for
one thousand Men, I hope you will cause to
be forwarded a sufficient supply of tents, Camp
Kettles and Knapsacks for the five hundred that
I am about to order into service. Whatever
Artillery can be furnished, I wish to receive
soon as they can be transported to this place.

The most expeditious route would be to send
them over the Lake to Bonfouca, where I suppose
Waggons to bring them on, could be easily pro-
cured.

From the best intelligence I have received
I am persuaded that we shall have occasion
for the services of every Man in this Section
of the Union, who is capable of Military duty
to protect the Country from the attacks of the

Encamp and to guard against Insurrection
to the Commanding Officer of Ann Ga
of the Post at Rocky Hill David Molme

From the Governor

Gabriel Moore } Sheriff of Madison
20th August 1814

I have transmitted to Stephen Neal Esq. Sheriff of Madison, the charges exhibited against him by you. The Witnesses in support of these charges, has not been received at this Office.

Gab. Moore Esq. Aug 17th David Molme.

From the Governor to

Stephen Neal } Sheriff of Madison
22d Aug. 1814.

Sir

I transmit to you a copy of the charges exhibited against you by Gabriel Moore Esq.

The first charge, and the remaining charges and parts of charges which relate to your official conduct as Sheriff only, will be taken to enquiry.

Aug 25th

S. Neal Esq. David Molme.

From Governor Holmes to Governor Claiborne.

Town of Washington, 26 Augt 1814.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you, that Thomas Harrison, has been in possession of the arms made by your application, and is now lodged in the Jail of this place. He will be delivered to such agent as you may think proper to appoint.

Gov. Claiborne

Have &c.
David Holmes.

From the Governor to Mr. Scrantum.

Town of Washington, 27. Augt 1814.

Sir

I wish to see you in the morning, to make with you, certain arrangements for furnishing the Militia that I intend to order into the service of the United States with provisions.

Mr. Scrantum Contractor's Agent.

David Holmes

From the Governor to D D Duvall

Town of Washington, 29. Augt 1814.

Sir

I transmit to you a commission as Staff, of the Brigade of Mobile, and have to request that you will acknowledge the receipt of the same by the earliest opportunity.

D D Duvall.

David Holmes

See page 1211.

From the Governor } Town of Washington, 4. Sept.
Mr. Serantum } 1814

Sir,

The Troops will not undergoing at this place, until the 20. inst. The Detachment from Middletown and Newport will be ready at liberty the 20. inst. until the same day the Detachment are undergoing at Hull's on Pearl River.

Mr. Serantum
Contractor's Agent

Your Obt. Sert
David Holmes

See page 172.

From the Governor to Capt. Stempe } Town of Washington, 5. Sept. 1814.

Dear Sir

It is my present impression that in the course of two or three days you will be in order, to enter the service of the United States with your Corps. I give you this notice, in order that you may acquit yourself to have it completed, as to the number of privates with all possible dispatch. Each Soldier will be armed at the Cantonment with a Musket Cartridge Box &c. You will not make any communication until you receive the order.

Capt. Stempe

Your Obt. Sert
David Holmes

From the Governor

Town of Washington

Capt. White

Sept. 5. 1814

Sir,

I write you to inform you, whether it will suit your convenience to accept the appointment of Deputy Quarter Master, in lieu to the Detachment of Militia from the Territories and to the Maj. Gen. Perry, which have been organized and ordered into service in pursuance of the President's requisition. The Mail for New Orleans closes this Evening, and I wish to inform Gen. Claiborne, whom I have appointed. I understand that at present you are unwell. If in five or six days, you should be able to undertake the duties, it will answer every purpose. In case of your acceptance, you will be entitled to the rank and emoluments of a Major of Cavalry.

Your &c

David Holmes.

Capt. White.

From the Governor to Colo. S. Rinnes

Town of Washington, 5. Sept. 1814

Dear Sir

I transmit to you by Mr. Kinney five Military Commissions, conformably to your recommendation. He, three blank Commissions for Militaty. The inclosed Genl. Orders of the 2nd inst. will require your attention.

Yours &c

David Holmes

Colo. S. Rinnes.

From the Governor
to
Lt. Colo: Perkins

Head Quarters,
Town of Washington,
C. Sept. 1861

I transmit to you a general order of the 2nd inst: by which you will perceive that the 7. and 16. Regiments are required to furnish one complete company as their quota of the requisition made upon the Territory, by the President of the United States. You were notified by the order to have this force organized and in readiness, but Information received since the 2nd inst induces me to order the company immediately into service.

You are selected to command the Battalion of five hundred, and will proceed with the force from Madison County with all possible dispatch to Mobile, the present Head Quarters of Genl Pillow, where you will meet with the remainder of your command. If an additional company of one hundred, could be procured in Madison, Co. as volunteers, I am confident it would be agreeable to the General, and would meet with the approbation of the President. I therefore authorize you to accept such additional force, if it can be obtained in the way I have stated, you will have the troops mustered by a United States officer, if there is one in your vicinity,

if not, by one of the Majors in the County.

You will apply for Equipage [illegible] provided [illegible] not a sufficient number [illegible] Militia of your brigade, for the Detachment) to the commanding officer at Fort Hampton, or any other commissioned officer of the Regular Army, in your brigade, or the Lieutenant, who has the Means of furnishing the requisite Equipments. To the [illegible] at Fort Hampton, or any other [illegible] may be invested with the power, you will apply for provisions to subsist the troops on their March. You will have to authorize some Person to engage the transportation. Packs will be preferable to Waggons.

No little expence must be incurred at Mobile, and in no instance must the Allowances be more than what is established by the Regulations of the War Department. The expence of transportation will be paid upon your arrival at Mobile.

I have &c

J. H. Cocke. Brig. Genl.

David Holmes.

From the Governor to Genl Jackson.

Town of Washington, 7th. Sept. 1814.

Sir

Previous to the receipt of your letter of the 27. ult. by Capt. Hall I had issued

a General order for the Militia of the five hundred Infantry required by the President, at the convenient point for the detachments of the respective Regiments to March to Mount Vernon, and allow them sufficient days for their rendezvous, and allow time enough to have those Regiments forwarded from New Orleans. A Copy of the order is herewith transmitted.

I wrote to you on the 15th. of last Month, that I intended to order this force into service, as soon as Equipments could be procured, but my letter could not have reached you before the Expedition left Mobile on the 21st. I wrote to the commanding officer at the Post at Orleans, to forward to this place Equipments for one thousand Men, To this letter I have received no Answer. Upon the receipt of your last communication, I concluded, to assemble the troops with as little delay as possible and gave an additional order to that effect. We shall have to purchase such articles as are indispensably necessary, at Natchez, until a Supply should arrive from New Orleans.

I concluded to order from Madison County but one complete company of the requisition, but authorized Mr Lt. Col: Perkins to accept the additional Company of Volunteers if they could

be obtained, believing that this measure
be agreeable to you, and that his a
would be recognized by the President
to do so.

He has my orders to apply to the
ing officer at Fort Dumpston for
of equipment as can be furnished
Post, and to march by the
with all possible dispatch to
Tachmuty Coast of Pearl River,
to rendezvous at Mt. Vernon, the
portion of the quota, which is to be drawn from
this quarter of the Territory, will be put in motion
with as little delay as possible. Colo: Arbuckle
will be able to furnish them with arms. I had
supposed that there were at Mount Vernon or
at some post on the Eastern frontier, a number
of spare arms, from the commencement of the
attachment of Mississippi, having left their equipa-
ments there, after being discharged.

Colo: Mead has no company of Mounted
Mississ: He, with some others proposed raising
a troop of Cavalry, but I declined to commission
the officers, on the ground that we had
sufficient proportion of that kind of force.
I offered to commission them as Mounted Riflemen
Infantry or Riflemen, provided they could raise
a company. This was not acceded to, and I
never heard anything more upon the subject.

I have four full troops of Cavalry in this part

of the Territory. It is expected that you may be disappointed in Mounted Men. Quite sufficient for one troop. The other three will be held in readiness to march, when you may require their service.

Yours &c

Major Genl Jackson

David Holmes.

From the Adjt. General
to
Capt Jno: Doherty

Town of Washington
9th. Sept. 1813

Sir.

You will assemble and march the troop under your command (equipped as well as the means within your power will permit) to this place as soon as practicable after the receipt of this letter. By the 15th inst: if practicable.

Capt: Jno: Doherty
Jefferson troop

By order of Com: in Chief
Ans: Marshall Adj: Gen:

From the Governor
to
Major Minds

Town of Washington,
9 Sept: 1813

Sir

In consequence of a communication from Major Genl Jackson whose Headquarters is now at Mobile, I have determined

need to send to him without delay, [illegible]
of Cavalry, and have [illegible] the [illegible]
for the service. Capt. Doherty is ordered [illegible]
to troop here by the 15. inst. of Regulars. I
expect that the whole of the Cavalry will have
orders to march in the course of two weeks. If there [illegible]
stances I should think proper to accompany [illegible]

It is my earnest opinion, founded upon
unquestionable facts, that we shall have occa-
sion for the services of every Man in the Com-
munity, to defend the Country against the attacks
contemplated by the Enemy. The promptitude and
inclination to be serviceable in trying times
I have the utmost confidence.

Major Thos. Hinds.

Yours with great respect &c
David Holmes.

From Governor Holmes to Governor Claiborne

Town of Washington,
10. Sept. 1814.

Sir

I had the honor to receive your letter of the 21. ult to by Mail.

In the communication which I received from the Secretary at War, containing a detail of the force of Militia required by the President, it appears that there is assigned to the Brigade from Louisiana and this Territory, one Brigadier Genl and one Asst. Depy Quarter Master Genl. In your letter you state that

Deputy Quarter Master Genl is required. I
I presume by there an omission of your Genl
and that there is no error in the copy of the
Details from the War Department. I will
: ever thank you to examine the letter you re
: ceived from the Secretary at War, and let
me know whether it corresponds with the copy
forwarded to me.

I have acceded to your proposition and
have procured to commission Robert Andrews
of Ap: Depy Quarter Master Genl to the Troops
that may be ordered into service, in pursuance
of the Requisition from the State of Louisiana, and
the Miss: Terry. The appointment could not
be delayed, as I was requested by Genl Jackson
to order the quota of this Territory immediately
into service. I inclose to you a copy of my
Genl order of the 2nd inst.

Gov. Claiborne.

I have &c
David Holmes.

His Excy the Governor
to
Colo: Carson.

Town of Washington,
12. Sept: 1814.

Dear Sir

I have had the satisfaction
to receive your letter of the 16. ulto:

David Duval was appointed Lieut. of Militia on the 29. Sept. last, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr Brightwell. He was recommended by some of the Justices of the Quorum, and other Persons of respectability. I addressed a letter to you some time ago, informing you that you were appointed one of the Legislative Council. By some mistake it must have miscarried. You will consider this communication as an official Notice of your appointment to that office. At this Moment I am much engaged in preparing a Detachment of Militia under the requisition of the President of the United States. They will march in a few days to the Eastern frontier.

Colo: Harrison. I am &c

David Holmes.

From the Governor to Lt: Colo: Milson

Town of Washington 14. Sept: 1814.

Sir

Conformably to your recommendation, I have commissioned Joseph Gale as Lieutenant and Zachariah Rembert Ensign of the 1st: Regt: Agreeably to certain Regulations, Mr James Welch cannot be appointed to the office for which he is recommended.

Lt Colo: Milson. 1st Regt:

David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Lt. Colo: Stockell.

Town of Washington
15. Sept. 1814

Sir

I have examined the proceedings of the Court Martial in the case of Capt. Jas McDowell. The Sentence of the Court is approved. The Suspension will be considered to have commenced on the day of the Court Martial.

Lt. Colo: Stockell.

I am &c
David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Capt Grafton.

Town of Washington
15. Sept. 1814.

Sir

Mr George Newman [redacted] Madame Reeves are engaged in making Knapsacks and tents for the troops. One or both of them may be drafted. Should they be the case you will permit them or either of them to remain in Matches until the 20th of the Month upon Mr Newman's becoming responsible for Mr Reeves' appearance at Washington, on that day or for his furnishing a sufficient Substitute.

Capt. Grafton.

Yr. &c
David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Capt: Sherchival

Town of Northington,
15. Sept. 1814.

Sir

Thomas Smoot who is engaged by Mr. Newman in making Knapsacks and tents for the troops, may probably be wanted. If this should be the case, you will permit him to remain at his Work until Monday next, upon Mr. Newman's becoming responsible for his appearance, or for his furnishing a sufficient Substitute.

Capt: Sherchival.
see page 59.

Yrs &c
David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
The Commanding Officer of
the troops of Militia at Liberty.

Town of Northington,
19. Sept. 1814.

Sir

When the troops ordered by the Genl. order of the 2nd inst. to rendezvous at Liberty, arrive at that place, you will apply to the Contractor's agent to supply them with Rations and to Lt: Colo: Nelson, or his Quarter Master for the public tents that may be in their possession. You will remain at Liberty until further orders.

To the commdg. officer of the troops of Militia at Liberty.

Your &c
David Holmes.

From the Governor
To
Capt Doherty
Sir

Town of Washington,
19. Sept: 1814.

You will proceed on to Mobile with your troop with as little delay as possible. Immediately upon your arrival at that place you will report yourself to Major Genl Andrew Jackson, or in his absence, to the commanding officer of the Post.

It is left to your discretion to take the road by Mount Vernon, or to go the direct road to Mobile. You will be governed in your determination by such information as you may ~~procure~~ receive respecting the roads, ferries &c. The object is that you should lose no time in reaching your point of destination. You will dispatch a trooper when you arrive at Liberty with the letters for Pearl River and Mount Vernon. He can join you at Mobile.

You will take all possible care of the health of your men, when on the March and make them as comfortable as circumstances will admit. The provision which they have drawn here, should be used with economy until they cross Pearl River.

Yours &c
David Holmes.

Capt. Doherty
Jefferson troop.

From the Governor to Lt. Colo: Nielson } Town of Washington, [illegible]

Sir

The quota of Militia required to rendezvous at Liberty on the [illegible] be furnished with provisions by the [illegible] agent. I have been informed that there are a number of tents lodged in the hands of your Quarter Master belonging to the public. These you will order him to deliver to the commanding officer of the Militia. a part of them are intended for the Troops that will rendezvous at Pearl River.

Lt. Colo: Nielson. Your do

Servt Ho Lines.

From the Governor to Genl Jackson } Town of Washington, 19. [illegible]

Sir

This will be handed to you by Capt: Doherty, who commands a troop of Cavalry, which I have ordered into the service of the United States, in consequence of your letter of the 27. ult: About two thirds of the

Men are armed with Rifles and Pistols. Colonel Ashley informed me that he may about to forward most of the Muskets at this Post to Mount Vernon, in pursuance of an order from you in favor of Lieut: McKee, Agent to the Chactaws and that he could not furnish more than would be sufficient for the Detachment of Militia Infantry, that will move from this place in a day or two, without leaving the Post almost destitute of Arms. We are both of the opinion that there will be no difficulty in procuring Muskets for the Cavalry, from the Posts on the Tombigbee and Alabama; as many of the Militia have been, and will all be discharged in the course of next Month.

Capt. Doherty's troop consists of upwards of sixty five, able bodied Men, all of them desirous of serving under your command.

I have ordered that portion of the Requisition which is to be detached from the Country East of Pearl River, to rendezvous at Mount Vernon. The remainder of the quota, the company from Madison excepted will march to the same Point as soon as I receive your instructions to the contrary

I have written to the commanding officer to have the furnished [illegible] wrong. I am doing every thing in my power to accelerate the movement of the Infantry from this quarter, but am greatly embarrassed for the want of Equipments. I wrote to the commanding officer at or near to forward to this place, Tents, Camp Equipage & Knapsacks. He informed me, that there were not at that post more of these articles than would be required for immediate service.

I have received your letter of the 31. ultimo. Whatever can be effected by me, to forward your views will be done most willingly. I inclose to you a Handbill containing the intelligence of the Enemy having occupied the city of Washington. By the last Mail I received the afflicting account of the death of my Brother Major Armstrong. It states that he fell at the attack upon Mackinaw. The Expedition was commanded by Colo: Croghan. I am in hopes the account may prove to be incorrect.

Major General Jackson. Jam &c

David Holmes

From the Governor
To
The Comd.g the Troops
at Ford.

Jackson Sept. 19. 1813

Sir

When the troops that were ordered by a general order of the 2nd. inst. to rendezvous at John Ford's on Pearl River are assembled, you will apply to Solomon Ford for provisions. The Contractor's agent here informs me that he has directed him to furnish upon your requisition. You will remain at Ford's until joined by the remainder of your company from Amite. It is possible that the Militia who have returned from the frontier, may have left their tents and camp equipage at one of the Fords. I do not know that this is the case; if it should be, you will apply for the tents and give receipts. Your portion of the tents and camp equipage will be forwarded shortly after you assemble.

To the Captain com.g
mandg. Troops at Ford,
on Pearl River.

David Holmes.

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From the Governor

[illegible] Commanding Officer of the [illegible] to inform [illegible] copy at Mount Vernon. 19. Sept. 1814

Sir

I have ordered a part of the Militia which have been organized in pursuance of the President's Requisition, to rendezvous at Mount Vernon, and must request you to give every aid to them upon their arrival. [illegible] this measure. Major Genl Lucas is ordered. I expect that in the course of [illegible] or [illegible] two days, the whole of the Militia ordered from this quarter of the Territory, being upwards of three hundred Men, will have arrived at Mount Vernon. I mention this, that the Contractor may be prepared to furnish them with provisions.

I am &c
David Hughes.

To the Commanding Officer of the M.S. Troops at Mt. Vernon.

From the Governor to Thos: H. Crossley.

Town of Washington
19. Sept. 1814.

Sir,

The Secretary at War having authorized the appointment of one Brigade

No.

General, and one Capt. Pepy Quarter Master General to the Militia required by the Governor of the Mississippi Territory from the State of Georgia and the Miss: Territory. I have to inform you of an arrangement with his Ex.y Gov.r Claiborne appointed Capt. Andrews Capt. & Pepy Quar. Mast. Genl, and am authorized to call upon the Quarter Master Genl of the District or Capt. Pepy at this place to furnish him with funds for the transportation and forage of the quota of Infantry ordered from this Territory. You will therefore furnish him with such funds, for which he will be accountable.

Thos. H. Fownes.

Your Ob.t Servt
David Holmes.

From the Governor to Capt. Doherty

Town of Washington, 20th Sept. 1814.

Sir

It is requisite that the officers private upon your Troop should take an oath to serve faithfully six Months. This was neglected in the hurry of business before you marched. This omission can be easily remedied by your calling upon some Justice of the Peace on or near the road to administer the oath.

David Holmes.

Capt. Doherty.

From the Governor

Col: John McKee, Indian Agent to the Chickasaws

Chillicothe (Ohio) 21st Sept 1804

Sir

Thomas J. Berry, a Citizen of this Territory claims a Negro Girl in the possession of Michael Lafferd, who lives on the Public Road in the Chickasaw Nation. Mr Berry has shewn to me documents which at first view are unquestionable evidence of the Justness of his Claim. I have therefore to request that you write direct Mr Lafferd to retain the Girl in his possession for further investigation; Mr Berry will wait upon Colo: McKee at the agency, for the purpose of obtaining Justice in the Case.

Colo: John McKee, Agt to the Chickasaws

From David Holmes

From the Governor to Lt. Colo: Perkins.

Head Quarters, Fourth Washington, 20th Sept 1804

Sir

I enclose to you a duplicate of my letter of the 6. inst.

I am extremely anxious that you should

organize and March the Troop to Mobile with all possible dispatch. It is probable that you will want some contingent money, I therefore authorize you to draw upon Capt. Andrews Apt. Depy Quarter Master at this place, for two hundred dollars, for which you will be held accountable. I am in hopes that you will succeed in raising the additional company of volunteers. It will make your command more respectable.

Yours &c

Lt. Colo. Perkins.

David Holmes

General Orders.

Head Quarters.

Town of Washington,

22. Sept. 1814.

The Adams Troop of Cavalry will assemble at Cantonment Washington, on Wednesday the 28th. inst. prepared for actual service. They will be inspected and mustered into the service of the United States by Lt. Colo. Arbuckle.

David Holmes.

Commander in Chief.

From the Governor
To
Mr. Jno: Calhoun

Town of Washington,
22. Sept: 1814.

Sir

You are hereby informed your Commission as Lieut. in the 8th Regt. is revoked.

Mr. Jno: Calhoun

Yrs
David Holmes.

From the Governor
To
Major Hindes

Town of Washington,
22. Sept. 1814.

Sir

I received from Major Genl. Andrew Jackson, yesterday evening, a communication dated the 14. inst.

The Enemy had landed about five hundred Men near Mobile Point, several Vessels were seen on the 12. inst close to the shore. It is supposed that while the attack is made below by the Troops, belonging to these vessels, an Expedition will be prepared at Pensacola to act against the Fort and Settlement on the Tombigbee. The General requires the whole of the Cavalry to be marched to Mount Vernon with all possible dispatch.

I have ordered the Adams troop to rendezvous at this place on Wednesday next

You will appear here on that day, and be mustered into service. It would give me much satisfaction to see you sooner if convenient. I think it will be requisite for you to proceed from this place to Liberty, leaving the Troop marching. I shall order the Militia and Mounted Troop to assemble at that Point. Your presence will be useful in making arrangements preparatory to their March.

Major Hind.

I am &c
David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Capt Richardson

Town of Washington
22. Sept. 1814.

Sir.

Our Territory was invaded the 12th. inst. The Enemy landed a considerable force near Mobile Point. Several Reports were seen near the Shore, which in all probability contain a formidable number of troops.

Major Genl Andrew Jackson has made a requisition upon me for the aid of the Cavalry. You are therefore ordered to repair with your troop to the Town of Liberty in Amite on Saturday the first of next Month, prepared for actual service. You will there be joined by the Troop from Adams and Amite Counties. The Jefferson troop have

already marched to the Castles from
I have neither Swords nor Pistols but am
forward to Liberty as number of Muskets with
the Camp Equipage. I hope and believe that
every Man of your troop will march with
chearfulness. On your Ability and inclination to
serve your Country in this little time, I have
the utmost confidence.

Capt. Richardson. I have &c
David Hopkins.

To the Governor
to
Capt. Gerald.

Town of Washington,
22nd Sept. 1814.

Sir

Our Territory is invaded, in con-
sequence of which Major Gen. Andrew Jackson,
has made a Requisition upon me for the whole
of the Cavalry. You are therefore ordered to repair
with your Troop to the Town of Liberty in Amite
on Saturday the first of next Month prepared
for actual service. I hope your troop will
be compleat. I shall forward to Liberty with
the Camp Equipage a number of Muskets.
I have neither Swords nor Pistols. On
your Patriotism and valor I have the
utmost confidence; and

Capt. Gerald. I have &c
David Hopkins.

From the Governor
to
Mr Geo: Newman.

Town of Natchez
22. Sept. 1814.

Sir

You will proceed with all possible despatch to have made fifteen tents for the use of the Cavalry now in Service.

Mr Geo: Newman.

Your &c
David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Major C. S. C. Pope

Head Quarters,
Town of Washington
23rd Sept. 1814.

Sir

At two O'Clock on this day you will form the line of March with the two Companies of your Battalion now encamped at Cantonment Washington, and proceed to Liberty in Amite County. You will there be joined by the troops from Wilkinson and Amite. After they are mustered and inspected, you will march on to John Ford's on Pearl River and from thence to Navarrette's. By the Genl order of the 2nd inst. a part of your Battalion is directed to render now at on the 25. inst at John Ford's. You will order the Captains of that Detachment to move on

to Mount Vernon, and upon your arrival
commanding Officer at that Post, provided
has received the requisite Equipment for
said Corps, and provided transportation for
You will have the company ready
ably to the general order of the 20th inst.
I earnestly urge you to hasten as much as possible
March. If possible, all transportation
should reach your Corps of destination
as possible. You will have a complete Roll
of the whole of your command made out and
forwarded to me from Mount Vernon. This
must not be delayed or neglected with
tended for the Secretary at War. When you
arrive at Mount Vernon, you will report to
the commanding Officer of that Post. You
will obey any order you may receive from Major
Genl Jackson on the March, or from any
other Officer of the United States army of
an equal or superior grade to yourself.

Major C. H. Rapp
Commdg a detachment
of Militia.

I have &c
James Holmes.

From the Governor to Lt Colo: Arbuckle.

Town of Worthington,
24th Sept: 1814

Sir

In consequence of a letter of
the 14th inst: from the Inspector General of
the army commanded by Major Genl Jackson,

I have ordered three troops of Cavalry to rendezvous at Liberty in Amite County, on the first day of the next month, the other troops allude to in the requisition leaving marches previous to the receipt of the letter. I have to request that you will attend on that day for the purpose of mustering these troops into the service of the United States. An Extract of the letter from the Inspector Genl is herewith forwarded.

H. Colo. Arbuckle
U. S. Army.

I have &c
David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Joel Downing

Town of Washington
26 Sept. 1814.

Sir.

The appointment of Surgeon to the Battalion of Cavalry ordered into the service of the United States will be made in the course of three or four days. I wish to know immediately whether it will suit your convenience to accept the office. One troop of Dragoons will march from this place on Thursday Evening next. I should be glad to see you here before that time. Your appointment cannot be delayed longer than Friday Morning, as it will be requisite for the Sur-

gear to join the troops at Liberty in Amite before they leave that place. [illegible]

Thos. G. Young. David Holmes

From the Governor } Town of Natchez, 28. Sept. 1814.
to
Hon. T. G. Young

Sir

You will order the men who are deficient in the Franklin Quota and who have since been drafted, to join the troops at Liberty in Amite. They will report themselves to the first Officer of the Detachment they may meet with on the Road.

Your Obt. Servt.
H. Cole: Netherwood
David Holmes.
Commander in Chief.

From the Governor } Town of Natchez, 28. Sept. 1814.
to
Hon. T. G. Young

Sir

You will furnish Mr Robt. Andrews Capt. Depy Quar. Master Genl. of the Militia funds to pay for the forage and transportation of these troops of boatmen ordered into the Service of the United States in pursuance of a requisition from Major Genl. Andrew Jackson.

Thos. G. Young. David Holmes.

Exchange 90 D.

Town of Washington
25 Sept.

Ten days after sight of this first Bill, the second of the same tenor and date being unpaid, pay unto Charles Mutton or order Nine hundred and twenty dollars, being the money advanced by me for equipment and transportation for a Detachment of Militia ordered to the Eastern frontier in April last.

Sworn to — Jno: Armstrong — David Holmes.

Secy at War.

Letter of Advice written on the fourth of October following.

Genral the Governor
to
Major Thos: Shuey

Town of Washington
28 Sept. 1814.

Sir

When you arrive at Liberty, the three troops of dragoons will be inspected and mustered by Colo: Arbuckle. You will receive from the Asst. Depy. Quarter Master Genl. one hundred Muskets which you will deliver to the troops. Mr Scranton the contractors agent will be prepared to furnish you with provisions and the Battalion Quar

Master will be furnished with [illegible]
[illegible] Forage on the Roads [illegible]
You will make [illegible]
[illegible] arrangements [illegible]
arrive at [illegible] [illegible]
self to the [illegible]
I sincerely [illegible]
hope that you will return with [illegible]
reputation [illegible]

Major Thos. Hindy
of the Cavalry

Your [illegible]
[illegible]

From the Governor
to
Major Geo. Scotten

Geo. [illegible]
29. Septr. 1781.

Sir

Major Thos. Hindy who will deliver you this letter has been ordered to take command of the Battalion of Cavalry, which I have furnished conformably to your Requisition. He is a brave, active and intelligent Officer, and his command is composed of Men, who will make excellent Soldiers. The whole Battalion have been regularly mustered into the Service of the United States for six Months. They are partly armed with Muskets, and as well furnished in other respects as our

Militia

would permit.

About four hundred of the quota of Maryland required by the Secretary at War, on this service, I have ordered to Baltimore. The Commissary & Inspector will have marched from Washington Country yesterday, that I have reason hope, that they will be in time before the enemy have made their entrance, & I am truly apprehensive, as he expected the command of the Detachment, I should endeavour to have it by being notified as soon as possible, and the quota completed conformably to the Requisition.

I transmit to you four blank commissions, to enable you to fill up any vacancies that may happen in the Detachment of Militia during their term of Service.

Major Genl. Jackson. I have &c
David Hunter

From the Governor to Capt. Richardson. } Town of Washington, 30. Sept. 1814.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 14. inst. did not reach me until the 16. of the present month. The person who handed it to me said that

I should be called on on the [illegible]
for an answer. No one however [illegible]
as well as I recollect the same [illegible]
upon a former occasion which I [illegible]
you a letter [illegible] [illegible]
I wrote. The [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] called I may [illegible]
you sir that the respect I [illegible] [illegible]
which may be attached [illegible] by the [illegible]
activity which you have manifested in support
of that cause of your Country, is not, and I [illegible]
never will be in the smallest degree diminished.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to
[illegible] a battalion of Cavalry, for whose service [illegible]
administration anxious, may return with [illegible]
reputation as Soldiers and Patriots.

Capt. Richardson &c &c.

Yours &c.

From Governor Holmes of Mississippi
to Governor Claiborne } 22d Oct. 1812.

Sir

I wrote to you on the 10th inst. that
I had acceded to your proposition respecting
the appointment of a Brigadier General and
Asst. Depy. Quarter Master to the Troops raised

from this Territory and the State of Louisiana and I have conferred the latter appointment upon Robert Andrews.

Your letter of the 10. inst. I have received, and I repeat that all the force that can be afforded by this Territory for the protection of Louisiana with just regard to our own safety, be cheerfully ordered upon that Service. But we have at present a large portion of the Militia in actual service. In fact, since the commencement of the war, we have constantly had upon the Eastern frontier, in proportion to the number of our Inhabitants, more troops in service than any State or Territory in the Union.

About four hundred of the Quota of five hundred required by the Secretary of War are now on their march to the seat of war. The remaining hundred was ordered from Madison County to Mobile. They have not yet moved, owing to the officer to whom my orders were directed, having left the Country previous to the receipt of my communication. In addition to the quota required by the Secretary I have furnished upon the Requisition of Genl Jackson four troops of Dragoons, each troop consisting of between sixty and seventy including officers. They are now on their march to the

Eastern frontier.

The Young Gentleman sent here by Colo. Pyatt, from the want of means [illegible] to afford me but very partial assistance. He did not conceive himself authorised to furnish Tents or Camp Equipage of any kind, nor in funds sufficient to furnish what properly belongs to the Quarter Master Department.

Mr Andrews the Apt. Depy. Quarter Master was therefore obliged to contract a considerable amount before the Troops could be moved, and Lt. Colo. Arbuckle and myself had to borrow a large sum upon personal responsibility to supply the Cavalry upon their March.

I forwd to you on the 25. ult. last that Thomas Harrison had been apprehended in pursuance of your demand and lodged in the Jail of Adams County. He is still in confinement and is anxious that an Agent should be appointed to receive him.

Govr Claiborne. I have &c

David Holmes.

From the Governor of Mississippi Ter.

Lt. Colo. Burris 4. Oct. 1814.

Sir

On the 6th. of September last I addressed certain orders to Lt. Colo. Perkins;

the immediate execution of which may of the utmost consequence to the character and interest the Territory. I waited in anxious expectation of an answer from the Lt. Colo. until I was casually informed that he had left the Country of Madison for the Springs in Tennessee and that in all probability my orders never had reached him and of course remained in Post Office unattended to. I was the more surprised at this incident, as Colo: Perkins solicited the commands of the Battalion of Militia required from this Territory by the Rulers of the United States.

Under these circumstances, I have to call your attention to that part of the duty assigned to Lt. Colo. Perkins which relates to drafting and preparing the company of one hundred men, which are to form a part of the quota of this Territory.

You are therefore ordered immediately upon the Receipt of this letter to cause to be raised either by voluntary offers of service or by draft from the 7th & 16th Regiments one complete company to consist of one Captain, three Lieutenants, one Ensign, four Sergeants, four Corporals, two musicians and ninety Privates. This Force you will order

rendezvous without delay at Huntsville, and
then mustered into the Service of the United
States by an Officer of the Regular Troops. Pro-
vided there is in your vicinity one of the grades
of Captains. If not, you will have them
mustered by a Major of either of the Regiments
of Militia. I wish you to select an active
and intelligent Captain to command the com-
pany. You will apply for Camp Equipage and
Arms. Provided there are not a sufficient num-
ber of Public Arms in the hands of the Militia
of your County, for the Detachment, to the Command-
ing Officer at Fort Hampton, or any other
Commanding Officer of the Regular troops in
your part of the country, who has the means
of furnishing the requisite Equipment.
To the Contractors Agent, you will apply for
Provisions to sustain the troops on their marches.
You will have to authorize some person to fur-
nish transportation, the account for which
will be paid when the troops arrive at their
point of destination. Pack Horses I presume
will be preferable to Waggons. As little Exp-
ense must be incurred as possible, and
in no instance must the Allowances be more
than what is established by the regulations of
the War Department. As soon as the company

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is mustered the Captain commanding will
in the service of the United States. and it is
probable that the Contractor's Agent and the
of the regular troops who may be applied to for
Camp Equipage &c will require his requisition
for these articles. If so, he will make out a
requisition in writing and give receipts for what
may be delivered to him. If tents, Camp Kettles
&c cannot be furnished from Fort Hampton, you
will have them made, and draw upon Robt.
Anderson Apt. Dep: Quar: Mar: Genl: of this place
for the amount. You will also draw upon
him for two hundred dollars for contingent
Money on the Road, for which the Capt. is to
be accountable. As soon as the troops are prepar-
ed, you will order the Captain to move on
with as little delay as possible to Mount Vernon,
and there to report himself to the Commander

Should Lt. Colo. Perkins have returned to
Madison County, and have entered upon the
duties of preparing the troops for their March,
when this letter reaches you, the whole business will
of course devolve upon him.

Lt. Colo: Perrin, Shave &c
or in his absence to David Holmes.
the officer of the highest
grade in the 7. or 16. Regts.

From the Governor
to
Lt. Colo: McRea.

Jno. of Mississippi,
Nashville

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 26. ultimo.

About four hundred of the quota of five hundred Militia required by the Secretary of War from this Territory are now on their March to Mount Vernon. The Remaining hundred were ordered from Madison County on the Tennessee.

Your former letter gave me no hope that I would be supplied with Equipments from Mississippi at any reasonable time, and as General Jackson urged me to send the Militia without delay, I concluded that the Public service would be advanced by procuring such articles as could be obtained in Natchez, and trusting to his being able to equip them fully from the Public Stores on the Eastern frontier. I was induced to believe that this would be in the General's power, because the term of service of a considerable Body of Militia will expire about the time that these troops reach their Point of destination, and will of course have at his disposal, their arms and Camp Equipage.

Upon the Requisition of General Jackson I sent on four troops of Dragoons, in addition to the

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Inf. authority required by the President Equipments for them were also procured in Natchez. The purchases were made by Mr. Robt. Andrews, Dep: Quar: Mas: Gen: in pursuance of my orders and I believe that the articles were obtained upon as good terms as they could have been in New Orleans.

I think it important that there should be stored at Cant. Washington Equipments for five hundred Men, and if Mr. Cleveland feels himself at liberty to forward the articles which he is procuring for the Militia, altho: from the circumstances stated, they are not now required at this place, for that special purpose, I will direct Mr. Andrews to give him accounts & table receipts. It is however possible that Genl. Jackson may want some of the articles at Mt. Vernon, to complete the Equipment of the Militia. I therefore give no directions on the subject, lest they should interfere with his arrangements.

Yrs &c

Lt. Colo: McRea.

David Holmes,

From the Ground, Fort Washington
Mr. Peavey, 6th. Oct. 1814.

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 30th. ultimo.

About four hundred of the quota of five hundred Militia required by the President, are now on their march to Mount Vernon. The Remaining hundred were ordered from Madison County on the Tennessee. Four troops of Dragoons are also on their way to the Same Post, which I ordered into service in pursuance of a Requisition from Genl. Jackson. Such Equipments as could be procured for these forces were obtained in Natchez. Their March could not be delayed consistent with the public interest, more from the contents of a letter received from Colo: McRea, previous to their being apprehended, I had no hopes of obtaining Equipments from New Orleans in any Reasonable time. Under these circumstances, you will perceive that it is not proper for me now to pay the returns you enclosed by the last Mail. For further information upon this subject I refer you to my letter of this date to Colo: McRea, and have the

Mr. Peavey
Commissary of Purchases.

Yrs
Daniel Holmes.

From the Governor
to
William H Winston

Town of Washington
6th. October 1814.

Sir

I received your letter of the 15. ult. by Major Freeman.

The inclosed letter you will deliver to Colo: Burriss, or in his absence to the Officer of the highest grade in the Militia in the County. I have been much mortified that the disappointment that has happened in the arrangements to bring into the field the portion of the Quota of Militia from the 7th. and 16th. Regiments.

I must request you to give all the aid within your power to remedy this unfortunate incident as speedily as possible.

I have not as yet received Major Hicks: many resignation.

You will read the letter to Colo: Burriss.

William H Winston a dgt: Davis Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Lt: Colo: Anderson

Town of Washington
10th Oct: 1814

Sir

I had the honor to receive your letters of the 19th. and 24th ult.

Conformably to your recommendation I shall be

has been appointed Major of the 1st Regt.

I have not ordered from the 1st Regiment any portion of the Quota of Militia required by the President of the United States, on account of the exposed situation of the Inhabitants of Hancock County. (In the event of an attack by the Enemy, your whole force will have to take the field.

Lt. Colo: Andrews. I have &c
David Hobart.

From the Governor
Lt. Colo: McRea } Town of Washington.
13th October 1814.

Sir

I inclose to you a letter for Capt. Rivery, Jep: Co'y of Purchasers from Mr Robt. Andrews Apt. Jep: Quar: Mas: Genl and have to request that you will give the necessary orders to Capt. Rivery to enable Mr Andrews to pay the accounts for the articles purchased by him, for the use of the Militia entered into the service of the United States from this Territory.

Lt. Colo: McRea. I have &c
David Hobart.

From the Governor
to
Mr Tatey

Town of Washington
14. Oct. 1814.

Sir

I wrote to you some time ago that you were appointed a Member of the Legislative Council for this Territory, but have not received any acknowledgment of the communication.

Mr Tatey.

Yrs
David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
The Sheriff of Baldwin County

Town of Washington,
18. Oct. 1814.

Sir

I inclose to you a Warrant to apprehend William Etheridge, who has been demanded by the Governor of North Carolina of the Executive of this Territory. It will be your duty to use all legal means, to apprehend this fugitive from justice, and to inform me of what has been done in the business.

To the Sheriff
of
Baldwin County

I am &c
David Holmes.

From Governor Holmes to Governor Hawkins } Town of Washington 20 Oct 1814.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th August last, and to inform you that Measures have been taken to have William Ethridge apprehended if he be found within the limits of this Territory.

His Excy
Wm Hawkins
Govr of North Carolina.

I have &c
David Holmes

Mississippi Territ,
To the Sheriff of Baldwin County,

Whereas the Governor of the State of North Carolina hath in conformity to the act of Congress in such case made and provided, demanded of the Executive of this Territory a certain William Ethridge against whom a Bill of Indictment was found in Currituck County in said State, charging the said William Ethridge with the Crime of Murder, committed upon the Body of Mary Gentry.

These are therefore to command you to take the Body of the said William Ethridge, if he be found within your County, and him safely keep, until he be legally delivered

to an Agent of the State of North Carolina
or discharged by due course of law, and this
be your warrant for so doing.

Given under my hand
this 18th day of October
in the Year 1814, at the
Town of Washington.

David Holmes,
Govr of the Miss. Territory

By David Holmes Governor of the Mississippi
Territory.

Whereas it hath been certified to me, by
the Honorable the Judges of the Superior Court
of Law and Equity now sitting in the County of
Adams that Isaac Hile has been found guilty
at this present term of the Crime of Gaming
And Whereas the aforesaid Judges have recom-
mended the remission of the corporal punish-
ment authorized to be inflicted upon the said
Isaac Hile by the act entitled "an act to
amend and reduce into one, the several acts for
prevent the evil practice of Gaming" passed
the 21 day of December 1812, And Whereas the
Jury which assessed the fine of five hundred
dollars against the aforesaid Isaac Hile in
pursuance of the said act, have recommended
a remission of [redacted] a part of the said

Now Know Ye, That I having maturely considered the recommendation herein stated, do pardon and remit the corporal punishment which the aforesaid Isaac Mills is liable under the law to receive, and I do furthermore remit three hundred and fifty dollars of the fine assessed against him by the Jury aforesaid.

Given under my hand and seal of the Territory this 28th day of October 1814

David Holmes.

By David Holmes, Governor of the Mississippi Territory,

Whereas it hath been certified to me, by the honorable the Judges of the Superior Court of Law and Equity now sitting in the County of Adams, that Samuel W. Butler has been found guilty at the present term of the Crime of Gaming; And Whereas, the said Judges have recommended a remission of the corporal punishment, authorized to be inflicted upon the said Samuel W. Butler by the Act entitled "An Act to amend and reduce into one the several Acts to prevent the evil practice of Gaming" passed the 21st day of December 1812; And Whereas the Jury

who assessed the fine of five hundred dollars against the aforesaid Samuel M Butter in pursuance of the said act have recommended a remission of a part of the same.

Now Know Ye, That I having maturely considered the recommendation herein stated, do pardon and remit the corporal punishment which the aforesaid Samuel M Butter is liable to receive, and I do further remit four hundred dollars of the fine assessed against him by the Jury aforesaid.

L. S.

Given under my and Seal of the Territory, this 22nd day of October 1814.

Jared Holmes.

From the Governor to Doctor Sattimore

Town of Washington 25th. October 1814.

Dear Sir

I have the satisfaction to receive your letter of the 27. ultto. by the last Mail.

Your exertions to procure for this section of the United States a Military force competent to its defence, merits the thanks of your constituents, and I rejoice at the extent of your success. If the Militia from the upper

Senators arrive in Town we shall be separated
before we can do any thing. I do not think there is a moment to be lost.

In addition to the quota of four hundred Infantry required by the President, from this Territory, I have furnished upon the requisition of General Jackson four full troops of Rangers. The first corps is now on the Tombigbee. The volunteers of this Territory, have, and I trust will continue to do every thing that their means and numbers will permit to defend the Country. It is reported that the Enemy intend to invade us with a force of fifteen thousand disciplined troops. Should this be the case, and in my opinion it is quite probable, we will require very great assistance from the States of Kentucky and Tennessee.

I am with &c
David Holmes.

Genl. Latimore.

From the Governor
Maj. Genl. Pierce

Town of Washington,
26th. October 1814

Sir

I had the honor to receive from you, some time ago, a letter upon the subject of organizing a Volunteer company of Mounted Riflemen or Infantry. If you may assure such persons as are inclined to form a company of either description, that they will be accepted

upon the same conditions that all volunteer companies are received. A full company consists of sixty four privates exclusive of Officers and four commissioned officers. I will however commission three officers as soon as forty Men are raised. The Company must be at all times in readiness to enter the service when called upon.

Maj. T. Brisoe.

I am &c
Paul Holmes.

By Paul Holmes Governor of the Mississippi Territory.

Whereas it hath been certified to me by the honorable the Judges of the Superior Court of Law and Equity now sitting in the County of Adams that Peter Alair has been found guilty at this present term of the crime of Gaming. And whereas the aforesaid Judges have recommended the remission of the corporal punishment authorized to be inflicted upon the said Peter Alair by the act entitled "An Act to amend and reduce into one the several acts to prevent the evil practice of Gaming, passed the 21st day of December 1810. And whereas the Jury who assessed the fine of five hundred dollars against the said Peter Alair

in pursuance of the act, have recommended remission of a part of the same;

Now Know Ye, That I having maturely considered the recommendation herein stated, do pardon, and remit the corporal punishment which the said Peter Clair is liable under the law to receive, and I do furthermore remit four hundred and fifty dollars of the fine apeared against him by the Jury aforesaid.

Given under my hand and Seal of the Territory this 28th day of October 1844.

David Holmes.

From Governor Holmes to Governor Claiborne } Town of Washington 2nd November 1844.

Dear Sir

Agreeably to your request I have directed Mr Andrews ap. Depy Quar. Mast. Genl to repair to orleans without delay. I am office to retain him here until this time to adjust some business in his department.

Gov. Claiborne. I have &c

David Holmes.

P.S. I must request you to appoint Mr Andrews to procure from the proper officers funds to discharge the accounts which he has been compelled to contract for the public service at this place.

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By David Holmes, Governor of the Mississippi Territory.

Whereas it hath been represented to me, by Lt: Colo: Arbuckle, an Officer of the United States army, that Jacob Anderson who was convicted at the last term of the supreme Court of Law and Equity, holden for the County of Adams, of the crime of Riot, and sentenced to pay a fine of fifty Dollars, with costs of prosecution, and also to be imprisoned two Months, is a Soldier in the army of the United States, and that the benefit of the service requires his attention at this time to his duty - Therefore Be it Known That I do in consequence of the aforesaid representation, pardon and remit the remainder of the punishment of imprisonment, which the said Jacob Anderson is liable to sustain.

Given under my hand and Seal of the Territory this 2nd day of November 1814.

David Holmes.

The Bearer Andrew Miller who has drafted last fall from the 3rd Regt. but did not serve his tour of duty has surrendered himself to the proper authority and has obtained a remission of the penalties which by his conduct he has incurred. upon condition that he performs his tour of duty with the Militia now in service. The tour will be considered as commencing this day.

David Holmes

From the Governor
to
David Kerr Esq.

Town of Washington
9th. November 1814.

Sir

I have given another Writ directing you to hold an Election in your County to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Thomas Hindes. The Attorney General's opinion that thirty days notice is not required in this case. I have therefore appointed Thursday the 18th inst for holding the Election.

David Kerr Esq.

Yours &c

David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Mr Reed

Town of Washington
November 1814.

Dear Sir,

When Stephen Cobb and John H. Galespie called at my house with the paper from Washington, in pursuit of Jarvis Thompson, they exhibited, as well as I recollect, an affidavit of Porter's respecting the homicide committed at his House. I do not recollect however that the paper was left with me, and am inclined to believe it was not, because I have been unable to find it, either in the office of the Secretary or among my own papers, after a very careful examination. Cobb & Galespie received from me a letter to Colo: Miller, agent to the Chactaws requesting him to aid in apprehending Thompson.

Yours &c
David Holmes.

Mr Reed
atty at Law

By David Holmes Governor of the Mississippi Territory.

To all who shall see these Presents:

Whereas at the last term of the superior

Court of Law & Equity holden for the County of Adams a certain Stephen Beaver was convicted of the crime of Slave stealing and sentenced to suffer death; And Whereas, the Honble Walter Leake, The Honble Josiah Simpson and the Honble George Poindexter the Judges who presided at the trial have respectively recommended the aforesaid Stephen Beaver's case to the clemency of the Executive. Therefore Know ye, that I do hereby pardon and remit the punishment of Death which the said Stephen Beaver Andrews is liable to undergo in pursuance of the sentence aforesaid.

Given under my hand and Seal of the Territory this 11th day of November 1844

David Holmes.

To the Legislative Council & House of Representatives.

For the information of the General Assembly, I transmit to both Houses a copy of a letter dated the 31st. ult. from Major Genl. Andrew Jackson. The Intelligence it contains will elucidate the propriety of certain Measures recommended to the attention of the Legislature by my communication of the 8th inst.

15. April 1844. David Holmes.

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From the Governor
to
The Sheriff of Amite County.

Town of Port
28. Nov. 1

Sir

The Governor of the State of Louisiana in pursuance of the act of Congress has demanded of the Executive of this Territory, certain persons who have been accused of the crime of Negro Stealing in the State over which he presides. Their names are John H. McConnell, James B. McConnell, Robert Lowry, John Lowry, Lewis McGee and John Sirman. All these persons except the one last mentioned have been recognized to appear at the present term of the Superior Court, of this County, to answer to a charge of Larceny. You are hereby required as soon as the said John H McConnell, James B McConnell, Robert Lowry, John Lowry and Lewis McGee, or either of them shall be discharged by the said Superior Court of Amite County, either by being acquitted of the crime or punished according to law, to arrest them and each of them, and deliver their persons to Samuel Oliver who is legally empowered to receive and convey them to the State of Louisiana.

You are required further to arrest John Sirman, and deliver him to the said Samuel Oliver to be conveyed to the State aforesaid

You will report to me the manner in which you have executed this duty hereby enjoined.

To the Sheriff of Amite County. David Holmes

To the House of Representatives.

I lay before the House of Representatives a general Return of the Militia of the Territory and also a report of the Arms, Ammunition & Accoutrements, from the returns and reports in the office of the Adjutant General.

Jno. Pearl 1814. Sam'l C. Dunn
David Holmes

To the Legislative Council.

I return to the Legislative Council the Act entitled "An Act altering the time of holding the superior Courts in the Counties East of Pearl River, and to curtail the Jurisdiction of the County Courts in certain Counties therein named."

The provision respecting the County of Wayne, which establishes a separate judicial tribunal for the redress of injuries, in my opinion contravenes an injunction of the ordinance.

The other provisions of the Bill may be useful. It is therefore returned to the House where it originated for reconsideration.

8th December 1814. David Holmes

The following copy was mislaid, therefore we record it in its place.

From the Governor Town of Washington,
to 18th June 1836
Mr Allen

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 26th ult.

It is with great satisfaction I comply with your request relative to the Militia who have been in service from this Territory and sincerely hope it will in your power to make arrangements to pay them.

Many of the Individuals are very urgent with me upon this subject. Their wants indeed impel them to make frequent solicitations which heretofore I have not been able to answer as satisfactorily as I could wish. Not a single Company or troop of all the Militia I have ordered to the Eastern frontier have received a cent for their services except the Company you paid at Fort Leavenworth.

Mr Allen

I am &c

David Hoy

P.S. It would be convenient to have the troops paid at the following places viz, Mr Overton's Jos. Ford on Peace River, Liberty in Amite County and the Town of Washington in Adams County

D.H.

Estimate of the number of Officers [redacted] privates of the Militia [redacted] Territory who have served a tour of duty, [redacted] to whom pay is due.

Infantry.

Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Sergeants	Corporals	Musicians	Privates	Aggregate
10	111	11	44	42	7	522	657

These troops were ordered into service at different periods. They have all served a tour of six months.

Capt: Thompson and Lewis' companies are not included as I have understood they have been paid.

Mounted Riflemen.

Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Sergeants	Corporals	Trumpeters	Privates	Aggregate
2.	2.	2.	8	8	1.	75	98.

The Riflemen are entitled to pay for the use and risk of their horses.

Served six months.

Field & Staff.

1 Lieut: Colo: served 12 months. 3 Majors served six months each. The pay for the following staff for 12 months may be considered a correct estimate, 1 Adjutant, 1 Quarter Master, 1 Surgeon, 1 Sergeant Major, 1 Quar: Maj: Sergeant. 1 Drum Major. 1 Fife Major.

Light Dragoons.

Major	Captain	1st Lieut.	2d Lieut.	Cornet.	Ad. Major	2d Major	Surgeon	Sergeants	Corporals	2d Musicians	Trumpeters	Privates.	Aggregate
1	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	16.	12.	1	2	[illegible]	179

These troops were in service two months and 14 days.

The Quarter Master Sergeant may Take, from the Privates of the Jefferson troop, which will cost Private less than the number stated above. The Light Dragoons were in service two months and fourteen days.

This Estimate of the number of Officers and privates who have not received pay for their services has been made from the Roll in my possession. Some changes were made while they were acting upon the Eastern frontier, but they will not materially alter the total amount due.

J. Johnes.
Govr Mis: Territory.

From the Governor
To
Colo: McRee

From Washington,
16. Decr 1814.

Dear Sir/

I am sorry to hear of your indisposition, and hope that ere this you have recovered your health. The Attorney General [illegible]

has written to you upon the subject of Jos[illegible] claim. Either of the modes mentioned in your letter of adjusting this business will be correct. An early attention to this business will oblige me.

Major Genl. Carroll with three Regiments of Tennessee Militia arrived at Natchez on Wednesday last and proceeded down the River on yesterday. We feel pretty secure here against Lord Nelson's army. If he evr intends to honor us with a visit, we wish him to do so with all convenient speed. We are better prepared to entertain his Lordship at present, than we may be six months hence.

Yours &c.

Colo. McKee. David Holmes.

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From the Governor to Mr. Thos. Holmes, Town of Washington 23rd Decr 1814.

Sir

This is to inform you that your Commission as a Justice of the Peace for Hancock County has been revoked.

Mr. Thos. Holmes. David Holmes.

To the House of Representatives.

Believing that the Territorial Legislature are not as yet authorized to legislate concerning the sections of land reserved by Congress for the use of Schools, I return the act entitled "an act to establish an Academy in Wilkinson County" to the House of

[redacted].

Representation for reconsideration.

24 December 1814. David Holmes.

Head Quarters,

Town of Washington,

General Orders. Dec. 24. 1814.

The Commander in chief has received satisfactory information that the Enemy have invaded the Territory in considerable force, & in all probability his first object will be to occupy New Orleans, and as much of the Country of Louisiana and of this Territory as his force will justify. Should he refrain from making an attempt on New Orleans thro: a dread of the consequences that would attend an unsuccessful attack, his next object will be to penetrate the most defenceless part of this Territory, and the adjacent States, for the purpose of plundering the Inhabitants and of committing such outrages upon their persons and property, as have already disgraced the British arms in America.

The Present momentous crisis has determined the Commander in chief to adopt every measure within the scope of his authority for the defence of the Country, and the protection of the Inhabitants.

It is ordered that a Battalion of foot be inv:

Indefinitely volunteers according to the following
Detail:

From the first Regiment, one Captain, one Lieutenant, one Ensign, and one hundred Privates.

From the second Regiment one Lieutenant, one Ensign and forty Privates.

From the third Regiment, Capt. Gray's Company of light artillery, to be armed with Muskets or Rifles or such other arms as can be procured.

From the third Regiment, one Captain, one Lieutenant, one Ensign, and one hundred and fifty Privates.

From the fourth Regt. one Captain, one Ensign and fifty Privates.

From the fifth Regt. one Captain one Ensign and seventy five Privates.

From the tenth Regt. one Lieutenant and forty Privates.

From the Eleventh Regt. two Lieutenants and fifty Privates.

The Troops from the first and second Regiments will rendezvous at the Town of Mordsville on the 4. day of January next.

The Troops from the third, fourth, fifth, tenth and Eleventh Regiments will assemble at Cantonment Washington, as soon as they are selected from their different Regiments. The usual allowance for subsisting the troops on their march will be made. and the Senior officer of each Detachment will have his accounts settled upon his arriving at the Place of rendezvous.

Each Private will appear with a

[illegible]unket and a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
contrements. Where muskets cannot be obtained
will be preferred to any other description of Arms.

This force will be raised either by voluntary offer of service or by draft. Volunteer companies of Riflemen or light Infantry will be accepted by the Executive to serve the tour of duty.

The Commandants of the several Regiments of the Territory will have their commands in the best practicable condition to take the field at a moment's warning. Whenever they may deem it necessary they are authorized to order a general Muster, for the purpose of having the troops drilled and inspected. A strong patrol from each company must be constantly upon duty. They will immediately transmit to the Adjutant General a complete return of the strength of their commands, the number and description of arms, the quantity of ammunition and ~~[illegible]~~ munitions of war, in possession of the Regiment. They are authorized, whenever they may deem it necessary, to order out Scouts for the purpose of obtaining information respecting the Enemy: and they will report regularly to the Brigadier General, every occurrence, which in their opinion may be interesting to the safety of the Inhabitants within the limits of their commands. The Commandants of Regiments East of Pearl River will obey any requisition made by the commanding officer of the United States Troops in that quarter of the Territory.

Lieut. Colo. Nixon of the 13th Regt. Lt. Colo. Patt

of the 9th Regt. and Lt. Colo. Skinner of the [illegible]
will afford all the aid in their power [illegible]
the citizens of Hancock and Jackson Counties against
the Depredations of the Enemy.

It will be requisite on this occasion
to exhort the Officers and Privates of the Militia
to a vigilant and faithful discharge of their
duties. — The Commander in Chief is satisfied
that they will with his aid, determine to use
[illegible] exertions, to prevent the enemy from
yield even in the smallest instance.

David Holmes
Commander in Chief, Mississippi
Mip. Territory

From the Governor } Town of Washington
Samuel Brooks Esq. } 24 Decr 1814.

Sir

Pay to George Newman one thou:
sand dollars in Natchez Bank Bills, and the
Thousand dollars in Louisiana Bank Bills to
enable him to purchase materials for tents
and other Camp Equipments.

Samle Brooks Esq. David Holmes.
Treasurer of the Ter. Gov. Mip. Terry.
Mip. Territory.

From the Governor
to
Capt. A Calvit

Frankfort
26 Oct 1814.

Sir

I wish to employ a few mounted men to act as a reconnoitering party in the vicinity of the enemy. I am sure that you will be willing to undertake the service and that you can raise a sufficient number to answer the purpose. You are authorized to accept the services of thirty volunteers. A part of this number may be obtained on the Road, if you should not be able to procure the whole number in this neighbourhood.

Capt. A Calvit

I am &c
David Adams.

From the Governor
to
Mr. McCormas

Frankfort
27 Oct 1814.

Dear Sir

The inclosed letter is from General Jackson. It may be of great importance to the public service that Genl Adair should receive it before the Kentucky troops reach Natchez. I take the liberty of requesting you to have it delivered to him as soon as he arrives at the city.

Mr. McCormas.

I am &c
David Adams.

From the Governor } Town of Washington,
to } 27th Decr 1814.
Lt. Colo: Dixon }

Sir

I wrote the enclosed [illegible] yesterday. I have received from Capt. Sanford his official information that the Enemy 18 barges [illegible] the mouth of the Pearl River [illegible] I shall upon the receipt of this [illegible] the orders of the [illegible] if the County of [illegible] will give me every thing in your power to repel the Enemy and protect the Inhabitants. I send you three blank Commissions to enable you to fill up any vacancies that may be in the Regiment.

I have &c
Lt. Colo: Dixon.
Wm Harris.

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From the Governor } Town of Washington
to } 28th. Decr 1814.
Lt. Colo: Burris }

Sir

I inclose to you a copy of a gen. order issued on the 24th. I receive information which induces me to call an additional number of troops from the 7th. & 18th. Regiments. You will therefore immediately upon the receipt of this letter select from your Regiment two Lieutenants, two Ensigns and fifty privates. From the 7th. Regiment Major Wickman

hay orders to select one Captain, the Lieutenants and the same number of privates, so as to form one complete company of one hundred conformably to the regulations of the United States Army. The Men are to be raised by voluntary offers of service or by draft. I should prefer Infantry. As soon as the Company is selected organized and mustered into service, the Captain commanding will report to the Contractor's agent, to be furnished with Rations on the March to Mobile, to which place you will order him to repair with as little delay as possible. For transportation, he will apply to any one in the Quarter Master's Department, as he may be at or convenient to Huntsville. In short the same means that were adopted by Lt. Colo: Perkins to leave the last Detachment mustered, will be adopted in this instance. You will order the Captain to report to Lt Colo: Perkins at present the Colo: is stationed at Pierce's Stockade, and may probably halt the Detachment at that Post.

Lt. Colo: Burrey.

I have &c
David Hunter

Headquarters
to
Major Hillman

Town of Washington,
28 Dec. 1864.

Sir

I enclose to you a copy of a general order issued on the 24th. I yesterday received

information that induces me to call an additional number of troops from the [illegible] Therefore immediately upon [illegible] receipt of this letter select from your Regiment, one Captain, one Lieutenant, and fifty Privates. From the [illegible] Regt. I have ordered two Lieutenants, [illegible] and the same number of Privates, so as to form one complete company of one hundred conformably to the regulations of the United States Army.

The Lieutenants will rank according to the date of their commissions, which must be dated first, second, and third. The force will be raised by voluntary offers of service or by draft. As soon as the company is organized and mustered into service, the Captain will move on to Mobile. I have written to Lt. Colo: Burns how provisions and transportation are to be obtained, and have directed him to shew you the communication.

I calculate upon your doing every thing in your power to facilitate the marching of this force with all possible dispatch.

Major Sherman.

Yours &c.

David Holmes.

From the Governor to the Commander of the 19th Regt.

Head Quarters
Town of Washington.
28. Dec. 1814.

Sir

I gave orders to Lt. Colo: Murphy to turn out the whole of the Militia of Marion County, as it stood before the division. You are

hereby ordered to comply with any orders he may
impart to you upon this subject.

To the Commdr. of the
19th Regiment.

I have &c
David Holmes
Commdr. in Chief Mil: Forces.

Head Quarters Governor C. Town of Harrisburg
To
Mr. Scrantum

29th June 1814

Sir

The troops will rendezvous at Mount-
ville on the 6th. of next Month. You will be
prepared to furnish them with rations for say (thirty
three and seventy or two hundred men.) The Commanded
the Drafted Men will rendezvous at Cantonment
Harrington say 150 men. Those from the upper
Country will arrive in the course of three or four
days. I enclose to you a Copy of the Gen'l order.
No alteration relative to your duties is made, except
that the Troops from Milbrook & Amity are to ren-
dezvous on the 6th in place of the 4th. of July.

David Holmes.

Mr. Scrantum.
Commissary Agent.

From the Governor
to
Lt. Colo: Stockett

Head Quarters,
Town of Washington,
24. December 1814.

Sir

I inclose to you a general order of the 24. inst. From information lately received I am induced to believe that I can procure a sufficient number from your Regiment without resorting to a draft. Should this expectation fail I have commissioned a volunteer Rifle company. If this raise sixty from privates, they will be entitled to an additional lieutenant. If they should fall considerably short of that number you will detail by draft one Lieutenant and as many privates as will make up the deficiency.

You will not however adopt this measure if fifty five men are engaged. This Rifle company and Capt Sorrs Artillery company armed as directed by the General order will rendezvous on the 1st of next month at Upperville where they will receive tents and provision.

In all other respects you will obey the Genl order, and particularly that part which relates to patrol duty.

Lt. Colo: Stockett

I have &c
David Poe Junr.

From the Governor to Capt. Foster.

Head Quarters
Town of Washington
29. Dec 1814.

Sir

Marmaduke Rivers, Norman Jones and William Price are employed by Mr. George Newman in making tents, knapsacks &c for use of the Militia. If these persons or any of them should be drafted, you will not order them to join until the public work in which they are engaged is completed, of which you will have notice. Mr. Newman is responsible for their appearance at the cantonment when ordered.

Your &c
David Holmes.

Capt. Foster.

From the Governor to Capt. Grafton.

Head Quarters,
Town of Washington,
29 Dec 1814.

Sir

George Newman and Joseph Newman are employed in making tents knapsacks &c for the use of the Militia. If these persons or either of them should be drafted you will not order them to join until the public work in which they are engaged, is completed of which you will have notice.

David Holmes.

Capt Grafton.

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From the Governor to Capt. Wilkins

Town of Washington. 30th Dec 1814.

Sir

I have received your letter of this morning. The Contractors Agent will furnish you with ten Days provision for your Corps, and I will lay the Capt. Dept. Quarter Master will procure a Boat for their transportation.

I inclose to you a blank Commission for an additional Subaltern, which you are authorized to fill up. As soon as you are prepared you will proceed without loss of time to New Orleans and report yourself to the Adjutant General at Head Quarters. Before you leave Natchez, your Company must be mustered and equipped. Major Hill is ordered to perform this duty. The term of Service is six Months.

Capt. Wilkins.

I have &c
David Holmes.

From the Governor to Mr. Scranton

Town of Washington. 30th Dec 1814.

Sir

You will furnish ten Days rations for the Volunteer Corps commanded by Capt. Wilkins upon his return.

Mr. Scranton.
Contractor's agent.

David Holmes.

From the Governor of Mississippi
to
Genl Jackson.

30th Decr 1814.

Sir

They will be handed to you by Capt. Mathis who commands a volunteer corps of choice young men from the City of Natchez. I have ordered him to repair to New Orleans without loss of time, and to report himself at Head Quarters. In the course of a few days, I shall send you between four and five hundred troops. The whole of the Militia of the Mississippi and Tombigbee Country will be regularly mustered into service. I have ordered a company of rangers to March immediately from Madison County to Mobile.

With great &c.
David Holmes.

General Jackson.

From the Governor
to
Capt Jno: Ginnity

Sir

Capt Alexr Calvit with twenty dragoons has been ordered upon a reconnoitering expedition. Upon will furnish him with thirty days forage.

Your obt: Sr.
David Holmes.
30th Decr 1814.

Capt Jno: Ginnity (duplicate)
Capt: Copy. Quar: Mast: Gen:

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From the Governor
to
Capt. Wilkins

Head Quarters
Town of Washington
Nov 9th 1814

For causes which will be explained to you by the Bearer Mr Samuel Perry, and which I do not think proper to commit to paper you will delay the embarkation of your Corps until you see me, which will be in the course of three days. I will positively be in Town at Mr Perris Tavern by eight o'clock you will however make most free, as occurrences may prevent my arriving at an earlier hour.

Capt. Wilkins.

I am &c
David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Lt. Colo: Anderson.

Town of Washington,
31 December 1814

Sir,

You will order the whole of your Regiment into service, and use your best exertions in cooperation with Lt. Colo. Nixon, to repel such parties of the hostile army that may come near the Bay of St. Louis or either Banks of Pearl River. You will order the battle of every description of the slaves

to be removed out the ~~[illegible]~~ of the way of the Enemy. You will forbid the Inhabitants from furnishing the Enemy with provisions of any Kind, and from holding any Civil correspondence. Persons who disregard your orders in this respect, are to be apprehended, and taken before a civil Magistrate for examination. You will obey such orders you may receive from Lt. Colo: Nicolas in the event of your forming a Junction.

Lt. Colo Commdt. Commd. Qrs
Fort Norfolk

From the Governor
to
Lt. Colo: Nicolas

Head Quarters
Town of Washington,
31 Decr 1814.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 29th. inst. by Capt. Pierce with its inclosures.

I wrote to you on the 27. inst. to call into service, the whole of the Militia of Warren County, and of the County of Lawrence and to use your best exertions to repel the Enemy who were then landing at the mouth of Pearl River.

You are hereby authorized to call

upon Mr Solomon Ford to furnish the [illegible] who may be ordered into the Field with Provisions.

A present the Exempts will be sufficient for patrol duty. If it is your opinion that it is not you may draw a few of the Militia upon that service.

You will order all the battles of every description and the Slaves near the Coast, to be removed into the interior out of the reach of the Enemy. You will use a general action in every instance, where it is doubtful you will forbid the Inhabitants from publishing the Enemy with provisions of any kind, and from holding any intercourse with them whatever. Persons who may disregard your orders in this respect are to be apprehended and taken before a civil Magistrate for examination.

I have forwarded to you ammunition by Mr Lewis, as he requested consent to receive.

Lt. Colo. Nixon. I have &c

David Mitchell.

P.S. The Lt. Colo. of the 18th Regt. is ordered to obey your orders in the event of your forming with him a junction.

D.M.

From the Governor of State of Mississippi
to
Major Genl Jackson 26 or 27 Decr 1814

Sir

I have this moment received your letter by Colo: Hutton and also your letter by express. We were informed (tho: not officially) a few days ago, of the arrival of the Enemy at Ship Island. In consequence of this intelligence I issued orders on the 24th inst: for the raising a Battalion of five hundred and forty foot and ordered a reconnoitering party of Mounted Men to be got in readiness as quick as possible for the purpose of making discoveries on the sea of the Lake where we were informed the Enemy had appeared in considerable force. I shall afford you all the aid in my power and do every thing I can to protect this Territory. We are without almost every article requisite for the field. There are but two hundred Muskets to be procured from the Continent near this place. Our troops will therefore be chiefly armed with Rifles and Shot Guns. I shall order every Man in the Mississippi Country and on the Eastern frontier into immediate service. The Force

directed to be raised by order of the [illegible] will send to you with all possible dispatch.

Capt. Tourney, the aid. Depy. Qr Master Genl informed me this morning that he had been ordered to Green Bay by Colo. Peat.

In consequence of your letters and of information that there are no troops at that place, I have detained him to assist in furnishing the Militia. Rest assured, Sir, that we will make the best defence that can be expected from our numbers, means and state of discipline.

Major Genl Jackson, Commdg

David Holmes.

To the House of Representatives

I return to the House of Representatives the act for dividing Marion County, and forming two Counties by the name of Pike and Lawrence. From the best information I have been able to obtain, as to the number of freeholders and House holders residing within the limits proposed for the County of Marion, I am induced to believe that there is not a sufficient number of Jurors residing within that division to insure in every instance the administration of public justice according to the existing laws of this Territory. Believing

however that, as doubts beneficial to the Territory may be made, to which this objection will not apply, I return the Bill to the House where it originated for reconsideration.

21. December 1814. Geo. Poindexter.

Head Quarters, Town of Washington, 2nd Sept. 1814.

General orders.

In pursuance of a Requisition made by the President of the United States upon certain States and Territories for a Corps of ninety three thousand five hundred Militia, to be organized under the laws of the 8th February 1795 and 18th April 1814, the Commander in Chief orders that the quota assigned to this Territory, which is a Battalion of five hundred Infantry, be selected and organized conformably to the following details;

The Battalion will be composed of five companies to be commanded by one Lt. Colo: and one Major. Each Company to consist of one Captain, one first Lieutenant, one second Lieutenant, one third Lieutenant, one Ensign, four Sergeants, four Corporals, two musicians and ninety Privates.

From the 4th. Regiment there will be detached one Captain, one Ensign, one Drummer and

forty one privates. From the 5th Regiment Lieutenant, one fifer and thirty six privates. From the 10th. Regt. one Lieutenant and twenty one privates.

From the 3rd Regiment one Captain two Lieutenants, one Drummer, one fifer and twenty one privates. From the 11th Regiment one Lieutenant, one Ensign and twenty one privates.

From the 13th Regiment one Captain one Lieutenant, one Ensign one Drummer and fifty four privates. From the 1st Regiment, two Lieutenants, one fifer and forty four privates.

From the 2nd Regiment, one Captain, one Drummer and thirty privates. From the 6th. Regiment one Lieutenant one Fifer and twenty two privates. From the 9th Regt. one Lieutenant and fourteen privates. From the 12th. Regt. one Lieutenant and seventeen privates. From the 8th Regt. one Ensign and thirteen privates.

These several Detachments will form four companies in the order in which they are mentioned. The Non Commissioned Officers will be appointed out of the privates, according to the law of the Territory, in proportion to the number detailed from each Regiment.

From the 7th and 16th Regiments there will be detailed one complete company, to consist of one Captain, three Lieutenants one Ensign, two Musicians and ninety eight privates including non Commissioned officers. Lt. Colo. Perkins

in his absence the officer of the highest grade either of the two Regiments, will apportion the number of officers & Privates that shall be drawn from each.

The Troops from the 3rd 4th 5th. 10th & 11th. Regiments will be organized and marched from their respective Regiments in time to reach the Town of Washington on the 20th. inst.

The Troops from the 1st & 2nd Regiments will assemble at Liberty in Amite County on the 25th inst.

The troops from the 13th Regiment will rendezvous at Johns Ford's on Pearl River on the 25th. inst. From there several points, the Detachments will move on to Mount-Vernon with as little delay as possible. Each Private must be provided with a Blanket and clothing to serve six months.

The Company from the 7th. & 16th Regiments will hold themselves in readiness to march at the shortest notice.

The Grade and Rank of the Lieutenants detailed for each company, will be determined by the date of their commissions or in case of the same date, by lot, unless both vacancies companies shall be commissioned, the grade will then be determined by the Commander in Chief.

The Rifle company of the 2nd Regt: commanded by Capt. Young, and the rifle company of the 4th Regt. commanded by Capt. Shaulds are hereby dissolved.

The several Troops of Cavalry throughout the Country are to be held in readiness for immediate service. A complete troop of Dragoons is to consist of forty Eight Privates, with the present complement of officers and non commissioned officers. Such troops after

more privately at their own equipped. are permitted to retain their rank by remaining or otherwise they are reduced to the number fixed for the permanent organization of the Corps.

The Colonels of the 14. 17. & 18. Regts will have their respective commands in the best practicable condition, to arrest and defeat such parties of the enemy as may attempt to land upon the Coast. and they will afford aid to the regular troops stationed within the limits of their respective Regiments, when required by the commanding officer thereof.

The Battalion of Infantry herein ordered to be detached for immediate service, will be raised by voluntary offers of service or by draft. the Commander in chief is induced to expect from the patriotism heretofore exhibited by the Militia of the Mississippi Territory, that an emulation worthy of the Cause in which they are engaged, will pervade the ranks of every Regiment. The intentions of the enemy are now evident: the war which he personally wages is for no commercial or political object, it is a War upon American freedom. a War for the destruction of that liberty, at the shrine of which our Ancestors offered up their lives their fortunes, and all the comforts of domestic happiness. Let us be worthy of having descended from such Men. Let us not hesitate to risk the for, than become the abject vassals of a foreign power. Such a determination will be pleasing in the sight of Omnipotence. He will favor our cause, and the preservation of liberty and independence will be the reward of our efforts.

David Holmes
Gov.r Miss. Terry